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Jobless Fight Grows as C.W.A. Jobs End 500 on Strike in Strawberry Fields

Protest Forces Meier To Name Group To "Investigate" Frameup of Jordan

Whittaker Tours State To Win Support For Fight Against Legal Lynching

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 3.—Rapid mobilization of mass protest against the Supreme Court's confirmation of the lynch verdict against Theodore Jordan, Negro worker framed to hang, Governor Meier to appoint an "investigation committee".

The committee as now made up consists of J. Neilan, member of the Oregon Prison Association, chairman; Reverend Raymond Walker, and John Pipes, formerly a prosecutor, were chosen to white-wash and endorse the frameup.

A broad delegated committee called on Meier today to demand that the International Labor Defense and the "Savvy" Theodore Jordan Anti-Lynch Committee should be represented on the investigation committee, and protested against the absence of any Negro on the committee. They demanded that Revels Cayton and the Rev. Nathan Ackerman, both long active and militant in Jordan's defense, should be put on the committee. The Governor promised a decision within a week on the question of broadening the committee.

The lynch decision against this framed-up Negro worker was put through the Supreme Court by a 6-1 decision, only Justice Kelley dissenting.

Whittaker, Gallagher
To Speak.

A series of mass meetings and demonstrations have already been mobilized to raise the protests to a still higher pitch. Robert Whittaker, prominent California minister and formerly pastor at Salem, Oregon, will begin a statewide tour at Klamath Falls, April 10th. He will speak at Eugene on April 12th, Salem, the 13th and 14th, and complete his tour in Portland, April 15th.

Leo Gallagher, internationally famous lawyer, will appear in Portland, May 13, and his appearance will occur at the culmination of a state-wide mass demonstration, to be followed by a mass march on Salem the following day. The civic auditorium will be obtained for the Gallagher meeting.

Fraternizing, Anti-War Meets Workers Reply to Army Day

MAIN COAST CITIES FIGHT NEW WAR PREPARATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Mass fraternization of workers with soldiers at the Presidio was the answer of the Communist Party to the army day. The party made April 7, seventeenth anniversary of U. S. entry into the World War, a day for whipping up Jingoism and war hysteria. All day long during the sham battle while thousands of dollars worth of ammunition was being shot off, workers were mixing among the soldiers, handing out leaflets and engaging these soldiers in comradely conversation, showing the soldiers their place as members of the working class and how the bosses were planning to use them against their class brothers both at home and abroad.

Many attended the W. E. S. L. entertainment at the Mission Workers' Neighborhood House last night, where J. Weatherwax, secretary of the California section of the American League Against War and Fascism was the main speaker. The League is calling a state conference April 29.

Three Meets in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, April 7.—Three protest meetings against war preparations and Fascism were held in Los Angeles. The first was held at the home of Dorothy Jones and Harold Harkin at an anti-war street meeting at Seventh and Alvarado streets last night. The workers are charged with "suspicion of Criminal Syndicalism."

A previous meeting, held at Temple and Rampart streets, was broken up by the Red Squad which tore banners, destroyed literature, and beat two workers with their night clubs. Nearly 500 workers attended a down-town street meeting held (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

700 Striking San Diego Fishermen Vote United Front

BONITA FISHERMEN DEMAND \$60 A TON

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Apr. 2.—The Bonita Fishermen have voted to strike and set the price of Bonita at \$60 per ton. At a mass meeting in Lindberg Field this afternoon, about 700 fishermen of the Bonita and Mackeral fleets elected a large united front committee composed of members of the San Diego Fishermen's Association. The Fishermen and Cannery Workers Industrial Union and the Sailors Union. The mackerel fishermen have been on strike for several weeks and are demanding \$15 per ton for mackerel.

A picketing committee was elected at this meeting and preparations for a long drawn out fight to the finish are being made. Frank Buono, president of the San Diego Fishermen's Association was elected chairman of the larger committee.

The local fishermen have had a bitter struggle for years. While the packers who own most of the boats or hire boat owners to go out and fish, made huge profits, the fishermen have had a miserable existence. At the present time many of them are unemployed and must get relief from the County Welfare in order to live.

The strike is being called jointly by the San Diego Fishermen's Association and the Fishermen & Cannery Workers Industrial Union. Another meeting will be held next Sunday morning at which a much larger attendance is expected.

Seamen Under MWIU Win a Quick Victory

SAN PEDRO, April 7.—Led by the port organizing committee of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, a crew of twelve on the steam schooner Pasadena won a complete and speedy victory in their strike to secure \$10 run money to San Francisco and \$10 for first class transportation back to San Pedro. They had been offered two days pay and third class transportation back to San Pedro.

The Port Organizing Committee of the MWIU sent members to the Seamen's Church Institute and the Pink Triangle, advising the seamen on the beach about the strike, and threw up a picket line around the schooner prepared to prevent any scabs from boarding the ship in case the captain did not accede to their demands.

Wholesale Robbery of Workers Votes in N. M. Election

700 DISFRANCHISED IN ROSWELL BY FAKE REGISTRATIONS

ROSWELL, N. M., Apr. 4.—Following wholesale denial of the rights of militant workers to vote in the city election, a Workers Tribunal today found the local administration guilty of political corruption and intimidation and urged all workers to forget democratic illusions and prepare to struggle to better their conditions.

The Workers Ticket, headed by Comrade Rauret, candidate for Mayor, the first one ever placed on the ballot in Roswell, demonstrated in its platform continuation of CWA, unemployment insurance, no more wage cuts, adequate relief, no more evictions or shut-offs, and against license taxes on trucks which raise the cost of food for the workers.

So great was the popular support for this program that between 500 and 700 of the 1400 registered voters were not allowed to cast their vote. Fake polls and registrations were used to cut down the workers ballot.

Strike Ranks Firm; Growers Unable To Recruit Any Scabs

STRIKERS ARE DEMANDING 25c AN HOUR; ARE LED BY C & AWIU

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 9.—First meeting between strawberry growers and 500 striking pickers here resulted in the farmers agreeing to the strikers' demand to pay two months back wages at once. But all other demands were refused and the strike is continuing, with the area out solidly. The strike by the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is for pay of 25c an hour.

Growers have announced that they have been guaranteed scabs for four ranches by a local scab-holding agency, but it is doubtful whether they will be able to secure them, for the workers are solidly determined to win this strike. Stockton, center of the scab-holding agencies for strawberry pickers, has been completely circled with union leaflets urging the pickers not to come to Sacramento to scab. The response from the Stockton workers has been good, and picket lines have been thrown around some of the scab-holding agencies.

Attempt of the growers to recruit scabs at a Japanese workers' boarding house resulted in a fight which sent two to the hospital and for which O. Mori has been arrested.

Demonstrations May Day to Fight Hunger and War

UNITED FRONT IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES PREPARE MEETS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Struggles of the unemployed for relief and unemployment insurance will be raised to a new and higher pitch with a great demonstration May 1st.

Headed by a 16-piece band, workers from five sections of San Francisco will march to Marshall Green to voice their demands.

Sectional conferences are being held Sunday, April 15, at 2 o'clock at 741 Valencia street, 1223 Fillmore street, 124 Grant avenue, and both Waterfront and Downtown sections at 1117 Market street.

Delegates from the United Front Against Hunger have pledged themselves to secure for May day the mass support of the 45 organizations to which they belong.

Speakers from the United Front May Day conference have been visiting all labor and fraternal organizations, following the calls previously mailed out.

L. A. May Day Conf. April 15

LOS ANGELES, April 7.—Seven hundred and fifty joint calls have been sent out by the United Front (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7)

Sharp Increase in Work of Getting Signatures Needed To Get Party on the Ballot

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 7.—The situation in the campaign to get the Communist Party on the California ballot has reached a real crisis, with May 3 the last date to notarize petitions and only 4,425 of the needed 23,500 signatures actually notarized and turned in to the district office.

Despite distinct and clear directives to the section campaign managers to report to the district campaign manager every Wednesday, many of the Party sections have failed to turn in one single report. It is impossible to say how close the Party is to its goal of 23,500 signatures because of the laxness of party functionaries in turning in these reports.

Each unit should report to the Section Campaign Manager not later than Wednesday of EACH week on the number of signatures collected during the week. The Section should report the total collected EACH week to 37 Grove Street, not later than Friday in the following form—Date of report, section, number of signatures collected this week, total number collected in drive to date.

Report at Once!

The following sections have not been heard from in the drive at all: Mission, North Beach, Downtown, and Waterfront in San Francisco; East Bay, Eureka, Merced, San Jose, Sonoma, Tulare, Contra Costa, and Monterey. Other sections have had incomplete and irregular reports.

Every worker must realize that unless the signature campaign is pushed to the utmost between now and May 1, if the reports to the section are not made regularly every week, if the units do not give full and complete reports each week to the section campaign, then the Communist party will NOT succeed in getting on the ballot and will have FAILED in one of its most important tasks.

Comrades should have their petitions notarized, all petitions should have precinct and district numbers inserted, and these must be turned in to the Registrar of Voters in your own County.

Gallup Miners Win New Strike; Worker Ticket Makes Gain

GALLUP, N. M., Apr. 4.—A successful two day strike under the leadership of the National Miners Union succeeded in gaining a cut of 75 cents per month in the price miners at the Allison mine 3 miles west of Gallup had to pay for their mine lamps.

Recent elections held in Gallup showed a surprisingly good vote for the Workers candidates, despite disbaring of many workers from voting. Lino Romero, Spanish worker, led the list with 107 votes, followed by Pete Sanchez, another Spanish worker with 106 votes. George Lloyd with 101, John Tomac with 100, and Bill Cuoton, Negro worker, with 95.

4500 Present at Cleveland Communist Party Convention

CLEVELAND, April 5.—Tremendous revolutionary enthusiasm has characterized all the sessions of the Communist Party's Eighth Annual National Convention here.

Four thousand workers packed the Public Auditorium for the opening session, with huge Workers' Chorus singing revolutionary songs, with surging applause by the Cleveland workers for the delegates of their class's Party from all over the country.

On the platform was a huge picture of a worker breaking his chains, flanked by the Hammer and Sickle flag of the international working class.

A tremendous ovation greeted the telegram of welcome to the delegates, sent by Wm. Z. Foster, who is too ill to attend. One of the high moments in the convention came when a Cleveland worker handed to Mother Bloor, for the Central Committee, a red flag.

"I hope to meet you in Washington at the first Soviet Congress of the U. S. A.," Mother Bloor said in answering. Another high point came when Harold Ashe, former state secretary of the Socialist Party in California denounced the California Socialist party, or which he had been a member for 19 years and told how more than 100 other Socialists had joined the Communist Party.

I.L.A. Officials Railroad Through Mediator's Terms

RANK AND FILE DEMAND A REFERENDUM VOTE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—At the meeting of the S. F. local of the International Longshoremen's Assn. tonight, the Lewis, Finnegan machine railroad through the acceptance of the terms of settlement of the mediation board. A strong fight was put up by the rank and file to issue a leaflet with the terms so all the men could familiarize themselves with it before they took a vote. Outright immediately introduced an amendment to give the officials power to continue the mediation and refer this back for a referendum later, and that the nominations for the board of five to run the hiring hall with the bosses' agents be put through immediately, as a move to railroad the whole thing through. Opposition was overruled by the chairman, but when the vote was called only a small number supported it. Then Deitrich made a speech against the militants in the local throwing the meeting into a confused uproar, and managed to put the question so that a few knew what the vote was for and so the machine managed to put over the vote.

In Portland the longshoremen voted that the terms of settlement were unsatisfactory and voted for their original demands of \$1 an hour and a 30-hour week. The terms of settlement arrived at behind closed doors by Roosevelt's mediation board, the shipowners and I.L.A. officials include recognition of the I.L.A., \$5c an hour and 44-hour week. In other ports the men will vote on what union they want and on the basis of the votes will have proportionate representation running the hiring hall jointly with the bosses.

To try to give siding in San Francisco the Employers' Association company union, the Blue Book, the hiring halls will include minority groups, if the bosses are willing, as of course they will be in this case. In other ports where they can exercise sufficient control, they have (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

PROLETARIAN BANQUET

To greet the District 13 delegates returning from Communist Party National Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, reports from Sam Darcey, District Organizer, Louise Todd, Pettis Perry, Negro worker from Los Angeles, Laurence Ross, and Lincoln Steffens, world famous Writer

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ties, of all races, from all the basic industries. This living example of the proletarian internationalism of the Party gave a great ovation to the honorary president which included Joseph Stalin, Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Ernst Thaelmann, heroic leader of the German Communist Party, now facing trial in the court of Hitler's butchers, for Comrade Dimitroff, whose defense in the "arson trial" indicted and convicted the Nazis as the Reichstag incendiaries before the eyes of the workers of the world—for the heroic Communist leaders in England, France, Austria, the Philippines, China, Japan, India, Canada, all over the world.

Browder Reports

Comrade Browder, in his report for the Central Committee stressed not only the great strides forward which the Party had made but the necessity of an even quicker tempo of work to overcome the rapid moves which the boss class of America is making towards outright Fascism. The convention paid a great tribute to the delegation and share (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

7,000 Demonstrate In L. A. As CWA Work Stops; Less Than 50,000 In Calif. May Get New SERA Jobs

Program Excludes Agricultural Areas, and Small Towns; Throws Off 120,000 Families To Starve—Or Fight

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—Seven thousand workers filled the Plaza here this afternoon in a great demonstration demanding continuation of CWA at the union scales, adequate cash relief, and unemployment insurance.

Congregating from all parts of the cities, their unanimous and militant support of the demands forced the board of Supervisors to promise to "consider" their demands and "answer" next week.

Today's demonstration has further raised the enthusiasm of Los Angeles workers for an even greater turn-out for May Day, and today's demonstration, Grover Johnson, recently rescued by his wife from lynchers in the Imperial Valley, gave a graphic picture of the terror which is being generated everywhere against the struggling workers and how solidarity, are overpowering the boss terror.

The supervisors had been claiming that all workers on the county jobs in Los Angeles received compensation for injuries, and today's demonstration of the worker who had actually received a broken neck on a county job came to the platform and gave the lie to the supervisors' assertion. The demand for compensation to injured relief workers is being raised more strongly than ever.

Vigilantes Drive 4 Workers Out of Imperial Valley

C&AWIU DEMANDS GLASSFORD HOLD POLL, LET WORKERS VOTE ON OWN UNION

SAN DIEGO, April 7.—Terrorizing of militant workers in the Imperial Valley continues as a committee from the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is presenting its demands before General Pelham D. Glassford, "impartial mediator" between growers and workers, at El Centro.

Four workers were driven out of the valley by a band of armed Vigilantes March 26, and have been threatened with death if they returned. One of these workers testified as a defense witness in the trial of Stanley Hancock and Dorothy Day, and within one hour his home had been raided by three car loads of police, and his family, including a number of young workers intimidated. All have families in desperate need in Brawley, and the Union committee has demanded that Glassford shall guarantee their safe return.

Yesterday, Frank Nieto, militant leader of the agricultural workers, was taken from Glassford's meeting and thrown into the county jail, and charges being placed against him as soon as he finished his testimony. This was too raw even for Glassford, who is trying to keep up appearances, and his release was secured after a few hours.

At yesterday's session, O. C. Meitman, representing the A. F. of L., and the Federated Trades and Labor Council of San Diego, told Glassford's committee that they are ready to come into Imperial Valley and organize the field workers if this is desired by the local growers, as a means of preventing the workers from joining the C&AWIU.

Trial of Gladys Johnson on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, will open in Judge Mayfair's court at El Centro, April 12. She is being prosecuted for using a tiny pistol to rescue her husband from a band of openly armed (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

USSR Radio Station in Siberia Resumes English Broadcast

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 5.—Station RV-15, powerful Soviet radio station closest to California, has resumed broadcasting from Khabarovsk, (Siberia) USSR. Station RV-15 is operating on 70.1 meters or 4.2 megacycles, short wave, and is on the air from midnight to 6 a. m. Pacific Coast time. Short wave enthusiasts report exceptionally clear reception.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Following the same tactics used last week, the Bureau of Supervisors today killed the whole afternoon without permitting the delegation representing the unemployed to present their demands.

The delegation, elected at the demonstration March 31 in the Civic Center, was promised that next week they will be given an opportunity to speak.

While the board passed its time listening to one S. F. B. Morse, wealthy owner of the luxurious Del Monte Hotel, discuss the liquor tax for hours, the demands of the unemployed were ignored. Adolph Uhl, forced by the presence of members of the United Front Committee for Unemployment Insurance to keep the promise he had made them earlier in the week in his office, once went through the motions of asking for the floor, choosing a time when it was easy to rule him out of order. Then, after discussing the garbage situation, the meeting was adjourned.

Next week the unemployed will fill the chambers in such force that it will be impossible to continue the buck-passing.

In order to carry on a more effective organized fight for better relief, an organization meeting of the Unemployed Council will be held Friday evening, April 13, at 741 Valencia street, at which time the basis will be laid for block committees to take up the grievances of the unemployed workers of the Mission district.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—The new Roosevelt relief program finally announced yesterday after the CWA jobs were closed down with promises of a "new works program," now stands revealed as the worst relief cut the workers of the U. S. have ever suffered. Not only is the pittance of the workers on relief slashed, but Branson declares fewer than 50,000 will get work in California, from a peak of 170,000.

In addition to the reduction of pay to 30 cents per hour or a maximum of \$7.20 per week previously announced, the program (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

Fifteen Vets in Roseville Jail on Bonus March

FIFTY IN DELEGATION ARE ON WAY TO DEMAND BONUS PAYMENT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 8.—Fifteen veterans on their way to Washington on the National Bonus March, were arrested today in Roseville when Rother, leader of the delegation, was arrested on a framed charge and the remainder of the delegation refused to proceed without him. These fifteen are part of the delegation of fifty delegates from California and Oregon who left here Saturday for Washington, D. C., following the Tri-State conference held here last week. May 8 is the mobilization date for all veterans in Washington for the national convention to remand immediate cash payment of the bonus, repeal of the economy act, and passage of the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill H. R. 7593. Comrades Rother and Ensign are San Francisco delegates.

This march is to be a united front of all militant veterans, regardless of the organization to which they belong, under the leadership of the Veterans Rank and File Committee and including rank and file members of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Spanish War Veterans. Demanded by the tri-state conference to the California Legislature included a state bonus bill for a lump sum of \$500 to all veterans, immediate cash relief of \$40 for each veteran or veteran's widow with \$10 additional for each dependent, repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law, the anti-picketing ordinances, a moratorium on all the evictions and foreclosures, repeal of the vagrancy and anti-picketing laws, and other demands demonstrating the solidarity of these veterans with the working masses.

Secretary of Finance Vandegrift promised to "see that the demands are given consideration."

PABCO WORKERS—WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Paraffine Co. at Emeryville Trying to Revive Company Union

OAKLAND, Cal., April 4.—Workers of the Paraffine Company of Emeryville continue to send letters to the Western Worker complaining of conditions since the NRA. The last communication from a Pabco worker indicates that there is a widespread discontent with the company "union"—the so-called "employee plan of representation." We have published several letters exposing conditions, and more coming in show us that the workers realize the necessity of an organization of their own.

Why the discontent? Since the NRA, the speed-up not only continues but is increasing. The company's grand bluff of raising hourly wages has actually resulted in a weekly cut, and increased profits for the stockholders. Pabco has been saving money by using young fellows and women and paying them less than the average pay of other workers. Many of these young fellows and women are the sole support of their families. The company, taking advantage of their need of jobs, has hired them at lower rates of pay to do work which previously paid higher rates to adult workers.

Try to Put Over Company Unions.

With the NRA, the company realizing the danger to its profits in the men organizing a union of their own, presented them with a "company union," and all kinds of beautiful promises were made. Pabco wanted the workers to believe that their grievances would be solved thru this plan of representation. Thru this plan the workers requested 48 hours pay for 40 hours work.

time and a half for overtime, double time for Sundays, and double time for ovens and stoves. Before the depression, WHEN THE COMPANY WAS MAKING LESS PROFIT THAN NOW, they paid time and a half for overtime and double time for Sundays, showing that the requests were not unreasonable. The Pabco executives flatly refused these requests.

The "union" meetings were then used to provide opportunity for delivering a few "pep talks," on being "loyal and faithful" to their elected representatives and "dear old Pabco." The "union" then degenerated to the point where the workers recognizing it as a farce, rightfully kept away from the meetings, until now the meetings are practically discontinued.

—Pabco Worker.

Write on Your Job



To Worker Correspondents:

Workers and poor farmers! Write to the Western Worker, telling us about conditions where you live and work. All letters which have been received or answered.

This week the Western Worker has published or answered letters which have been received from the following people: Cannery Worker, Sacramento, B. B. San Jose, G. Y. Los Angeles, P. Salinas, J. R. Pasadena, P. M. Bakersfield, W. M. Oakland, Nelson Line Employee, Comrade S. Oakland, T. J. Tulare, C. P. Unit at Libby's, Sacramento.

\$2.50 Monthly for Ariz. Unemployed

JOBLESS APPROPRIATION CUT 89 PER CENT

GLOBE, Ariz., Apr. 4.—Ending of CWA work in Arizona has thrown thousands of Arizona workers into conditions of deep misery. The April allowance for the CWA work program in Gila County is only \$20,000, compared with a previous allotment of \$174,250 per month. This amounts to a reduction of 89 per cent of the previously insufficient amount.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors, worried by the militancy of the workers, wired Congress today declaring "Unrest among people growing every day."

A twig blight crew of 270 workers in Prescott National Forest has been cut to 129, as part of the general liquidation program which cuts down the workers on federal lands from 450 to 225.

Three hundred teachers formerly employed under the CWA program have been laid off. There are 100,000 unemployed in Arizona, and the total appropriation to take care of them in April is \$250,000, or an average of \$2.50 per month for each unemployed worker.

Prices Go Up, But Libby Workers Paid Last Year's Scale

C. P. UNIT AIMS TO BUILD UNION TO WIN BETTER CONDITIONS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Apr. 5.—Libby, McNeil and Libby's Cannery, at 31st and P Sts., has more methods of torture than Simon Legree ever thought of. Not satisfied with making us work all kinds of irregular hours, they have their "stooges" going around talking about how lucky we are to have jobs. We spend all day and half of the night hanging around this profit institution trying to get a day's work. I guess those who live a long way from the cannery will have to bring their blankets so they will be on hand whenever needed, and save carfare.

That is not all. The women have been ordered to walk about 3 blocks to get to the toilet or the cafeteria, and the boss doesn't want them to go through the building and disturb the work of others.

Food Prices Up, But Pay the Same.

Our wages are the same as last fall, 30 cents per hour for the men, while the women get from 1 1/2 to 2 cents more per piece this year. But are the prices of groceries zooming? And how! And if you think that, and if you have organized a good Communist Party unit and a Young Communist League is now being formed in the cannery. We are going to help the C & AWIU to organize this work house.

Cannery workers at Libby's, join and build the C & AWIU. And if you think that, and if you have organized a good Communist Party unit and a Young Communist League is now being formed in the cannery. We are going to help the C & AWIU to organize this work house.

—Communist Party Unit at Libby's.

Worker Charged with "Stealing Bike" for Selling Y.C.L. Paper

OAKLAND, Cal., Apr. 5th.—Sam Stone, militant young worker was arrested and framed by the San Leandro police. Stone was going home to house sell Young Workers. Coming to the home of G. A. R. Cassie, he tried to sell a paper to the boy who answered the door. Failing, he started down the steps when the police came and arrested him.

He was held several hours under the charge of "Selling Literature without a license." The cops, finding no law covering this, visited the Cassie boy and finally got him to sign a statement charging the attempted theft of a bicycle!

Stone was bailed by the ILL and his trial by jury is set for Wednesday, April 11. All workers organizations are urged to send protests against this filmy frame-up to Judge A. W. Bruner, Police Court, San Leandro and to Deputy District Attorney Stanley Smallwood, Alameda County Courthouse, Oakland, demanding the dismissal of the defendant.

Matson Racketeer Fired by Story in Western Worker

OAKLAND, Cal., Apr. 1.—A few weeks ago the Western Worker ran an expose of the job rackets on the Matson Line ships. Now the Matson Line has announced that the former chief steward, A. Mentlik "is going into business for himself on shore."

Undoubtedly the story in the Western Worker had something to do with this firing of the slave driver. Hail the Western Worker, a real workers' champion! —Oakland Comrade

Nelson Line Cuts Wage 35 pct; Crews Short; Bonus Cut

NO MORE OVERTIME PAY: 14 SHIPS TIED UP; FIREMEN MUST HELP OILERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 4.—Before the wage-cut took place the Nelson Line coast-wise ships paid firemen and oilers \$70.00 per month and overtime, as well as a 10% bonus after six months service. This included a back bonus for six months' service at 10% per month.

Now they pay \$45.00 per month, no overtime, and no bonus. Now they carry no oilers, and only 5 firemen, eliminating one man and dividing the oiler's work between a fireman and the engineer on watch. The fireman has to leave the closed fire-room, and take on a part of the oiler's work in the engine room, during which time the fire-room is left with no one in it. The engineer must perform some of the oiler's duties, such as tending water. Two firemen work as day men in the engine-room and fire-room where the oilers were formerly employed. When in port, the oiler's watches used to be broken and they received overtime when working or moving ship at anchor 5 p. m. The firemen used to be paid overtime when keeping up steam after 5 p. m. Two other firemen were on day work.

Pay Cuts.

The wages of the able-bodied seamen have been reduced in the same proportion. Overtime has been reduced to 50 cents per hour for handling cargo. The third mate now receives less than an able-bodied seaman formerly got and the second engineer receives only \$85.00 per month.

At this time the company has 14 ships laid up and only a few are operating because of the lack of cargo and the monopolization of industry by the bigger trusts.

—Nelson Line Employee.

Share Profits; But There Are None on Market St. Railway

ONLY 50 WORKERS IN AFL UNION; CARMAN WANTS TO KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 5.—As a conductor on the Market Street Railway I have a word or two to say about the lot of us car workers. Now that we are supposed to be "partners" of the Company and get a share of the profits which the Market Street Railway might make we are supposed to be sitting pretty. However, the runs are still just as long, the pay just as small, and there ain't no profits.

Last year the AF of L organized a union which several hundred car workers joined. Sixteen of the more active workers in this union were fired for union activity. Since that time the union has fallen off to only about 50 dues-paying members, and only a very few attend their meetings. The men who were fired are still fired in spite of Creel's recent ruling that four of them should be re-instated and one of them "given another chance." Maybe he meant a chance in the breadline.

The policy of the AF of L was neither militant or strong enough to protect the interests of the men or to break down the scare of organization which the bosses of the Market St. Railway Co. have tried to throw into their employees. The Company Union which issues the "Inside Track" is too silly to even consider as a union.

It is no doubt but what we need is a good union organization to better our conditions and I would like to ask the Editor of the Western Worker how this can be accomplished. From reading your paper it is very plain that the Communist Party is the only political party who bothers about giving workers advice in organizing themselves to better their conditions. Many of the men are interested in the Communist Party and would like to know more about it. Would joining your party help us solve our problems?

—An Interested Carman.

(Forming a Communist unit into the railroads would help you greatly in organizing your struggles, and in building a real union which would fight for your interests. Come in to 37 Grove St. and talk it over. — Ed.)

Huntington Park Meeting Against War and Fascism

HUNTINGTON PARK, Cal., Apr. 5.—Over 100 workers from all political parties including the Socialist Party and Communist Party attended the first organizational meeting here of the League Against War and Fascism.

TRADE UNION NOTES

Financial Report of United Front Conference in S. F.

The Executive Board of the United Front Conference for Unemployment Insurance asks us to publish their financial report to date and to call to the attention of all workers who have collection lists and tickets for the Franklin Hall Affair out to please turn them in to the office of the Construction Workers Industrial Union, 121 Haight St.

RECEIVED—
Loans \$57.00
Delegates Fees 16.00
Collections & Lists 47.58
From Organizations 14.56
Signs and Leaflets 2.24
Affairs & Tickets 43.94
Office supplies55
Copies of H. R. 7598 3.80

TOTAL RECEIVED \$185.97

PAID OUT—
Loans \$17.00
General Expenses 27.45
To Organizations 1.87
Hall Rents 18.00
Signs & Leaflets 14.47
Affairs & Tickets 18.14
Office Supplies 17.37
Copies of H. R. 7598 17.83
Printing 56.26

TOTAL EXPENSE \$185.39

OUTSTANDING BILLS—
Printing \$ 4.50
Loans 49.00
Signs 1.25
Deficit \$45.75
TOTAL DEFICIT \$48.17

Carrying on United Struggle

Rev. Herrick J. Lane, of Ingleside Church who joined the United Front Conference for Unemployment Insurance and continued CWA jobs and spoke at the demonstration, was one of the committee who visited the Supervisors Monday, April 2nd for a hearing on the resolution to the Supervisors.

Two days later he sent a statement to all papers, Supervisors and leading ministers in San Francisco telling how the Supervisors refused to hear the appeal of the unemployed delegation of more than 100 who were sent by the demonstration of more than 5000 unemployed in the Civic Center the previous Saturday. The Supervisors deliberately killed time for many hours before adjournment to avoid giving the delegates the floor.

He declared his intention of helping form an Unemployed Council in his district, and urged all other ministers to allow the use of their buildings for meetings for such purpose.

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POOR FARM OR SHOW FARM?

HONOLULU, Cal., Apr. 2.—The taxpayers of Los Angeles County have in Honolulu, Calif., an institution of which the high-salaried officials are proud — indeed, enthusiastic! Imagine a Poor Farm with the high-sounding name, Rancho Los Amigos, for old, sick and crippled folks, with exotic plants from the African and Malayan jungles, and one fig, plum, peach or apricot tree for fruit to nourish the worn-out bodies. From 640 acres of tillable land we have twenty-six acres in flowers to decorate the executives desks and tables. Inmates caught picking flowers are given the chickens to put on a fare of bread and water.

Modern and in Mission style is the "Ladies Home" for show purposes, decorated with cheap but showy prints, reed furniture, to give a showy effect when taxpayers or curiosity seekers visit the home. "Bring them to the Ladies Home," are the manager's strict orders. An overheard telephone conversation runs: "Hello, hello — tell Mr. So-and-so the kitchen is fixed up and he may bring them in."

FED BEARS ON HAM AND EGGS.

Yes, we have show horses, heavy Percherons for the yearly Pomona show, fed far better, according to standards of animals and men, than the sick, old and crippled inmates. We have show bears, fed very often with ham and eggs — that's an actual fact. We have a big chicken show farm, from which, in the last six months, we have had scrambled eggs just three times. High-salaried farm officials get their eggs daily gratis and regularly. We have show monkeys, show cows, show pigs, executive show offices and, pre-arranged in our dining room, show food when taxpayers visit or inspect the farm. Such show is arranged and executed by the able management and in charge of two highly paid but inefficient "stewards." Mind you, two stewards are an assistant for a Poor Farm of about 3000 inmates. None of the stewards can cook rice, macaroni, beans, mush, spaghetti, carrots and turnips, and twice a

N. T. W. I. U. Fights Peonage Work in Chinatown

To fight sweat-shop conditions in Chinatown the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union are waging an organizational drive which has started the capitalist press sending reporters around Chinatown to "investigate" conditions. Stories in the "News" started appearing April 5th and have continued every day. Bert Crowley, chief industrial inspector for the Department of Health has announced that the department would conduct an investigation into conditions but tried to white-wash present conditions by blaming the present economic conditions and the depression. The Chinese workers who are helping to form their section of the NTWIU have stated that the only way to help matters is by organizing into a militant union and fighting side by side with white workers.

The San Francisco office of the NTWIU has moved to 966 Market St., Room 10-12.

More Than 1400 AFL Locals Back Bill

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Apr. 4.—Typographical Union No. 281 is the latest AF of L union to endorse the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill, H. R. 7598. The union also instructed its delegate to the Federated Trades & Labor Council to introduce and support the bill.

More than 1400 AF of L union locals have endorsed the bill, despite the strenuous efforts of Bill Green, AF of L president to prevent them by special instructions.

Attention! Jobless Culinary Workers!!

It has been brought to the attention of the Trade Union Unity League that many cooks and culinary workers are forced to pay high employment fees in order to get a job that often does not last long enough to return the amount paid for it. For that reason the TUUL will keep a list of restaurants hiring cooks, etc., where workers can go and apply for the job without paying for any fee if the job is obtained. All culinary workers out of a job are urged to call in to the office of the TUUL, 437 Market St., and look over the list.

Auto Workers Union in East Bay

To combat conditions of speed-up and the many grievances in the Chevrolet Shop in the East Bay, the Auto Workers Union is working on building a branch of the union.

The fact that this shop still flies the NRA flag and is not living up to the Auto code is giving impetus to the drive for union members. The address of the union is: 1020 Broadway, Room 1, Oakland, Calif.

Firestone Worker Shows What to Do With Silver Shirts

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 1.—As I was going in to work at Firestone Rubber Co. last week, under the doorway with the Blue Eagle sign that can be seen a mile away, somebody was distributing the bulletin put out by the Southgate Silver Shirts. He gave one to the wrong guy. The worker took it and took that fast mess out there and when he refused to do it, I am ashamed to say, he socked him right on the jaw. These tactics were not polite, but they were effective, as the Silver Shirt took his dope and beat it. There are lots of workers in Firestone that know these lies for what they are—poison to keep the workers ignorant and divided.

They are hiring girls here now, at \$0 to 40 cents an hour for the first few weeks, then on piece work with no guarantee of wages. They average around \$12; men doing the same work get just twice as much. They have to be there at six in the morning, and some of them work night shift. They are allowed to even talk while working.

—A Firestone Worker.

Trotskyites Trot at Bosses' Heels!

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Apr. 5.—TIME: March 28. PLACE: Trotskyite Open Forum. Their speaker: William Furth. The subject: "The End of the C. W. A. What Then?"

After Furth has finished his talk, a question was asked by one of the fellow workers who happened to work for the CWA with him and who knew what kind of a bird he was: "What do you think of a man who every morning before the start gives to the boss either a fat cigar, or a pie, or piece of cake?"

"I know you meant me," boldly retorted Furth, seeing that he was caught. "I am doing it because I want easy jobs."

The effect of this answer on the class-conscious audience can only be imagined. To such things happened, another Trotskyite, Frank Halstead of Los Angeles, alias Harrison of San Francisco, got up during the discussion period and said in part: "By rights, one should not do those things when other workers can see it. It looks bad."

Further comment is unnecessary—only this: "Birds of one feather flock together" and that the meeting adjourned harmoniously.

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WHO IS THIS "REVOLUTIONIST" SCHACTMAN, THE TROTSKYITE?

By George Maurer

Max Schactman, together with Anne Swaback, James Cannon and a few others, were expelled from the Communist Party six years ago for organizing and conducting an opportunist faction within the Party against the line of the Comintern.

Schactman was a protégé of Cannon—a personally ambitious careerist; snobbish, lazy and non-proletarian. Even while a member of the Young Communist League, his laziness was so notorious that it brought him a topmark from the Young Communist International. In 1927, when he was sent by Cannon to the International Red Aid Conference in Moscow, he arrived two days late, failed to attend sessions assigned for him and missed the train for home. When IRA had bought the ticket, let the I.R.A. stand the loss—this was his attitude.

Schactman was editor of the Labor Defender during the period Cannon was using it. D. to end near a split in the Party. He failed entirely to start any campaign for Tom Mooney when, early in 1928, Mooney was sentenced to a campaign. While he was editor, there was a almost a complete neglect of the Negro question and the fight against lynching and terror, only two articles appearing in two and one-half or three years. Despite the policy of the I.R.A. he neglected, and sabotaged the campaign against persecution of the Negro people.

when they take part in labor's struggles it is on the side of the fakers and bosses, that when they form united fronts, it is against the workers and not with them. For instance, in last winter's strike of 6000 Los Angeles dress workers, the Communist Party and the TUUL gave full support to the strikers, with both funds and pickets. But the Trotskyites Plo Well, Mary Weiss, Sparrows, and Curtis cooperated with Israel Fingersh, Rod Posetta, and other A. F. of L.-Socialist Party fakers, who sold out the strike and sent the strikers back to face discrimination in the shops. The Trotskyites never uttered a word of protest. Previous to this, Sam Myers, Los Angeles Trotskyite, an official in the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, had openly attacked the militant leadership, took a defeatist attitude throughout the strike, trying to demoralize the strikers, and persuaded some of the more backward workers to go back into the shops singly. He ended up by joining the A. F. of L. International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. In New York, the Trotskyites supported the LEADERS of the Amalgamated Food Workers AGAINST a proposed united front of the rank and file workers of that union with the militant Food Workers' Industrial Union. In Southern Illinois, Jerry Allard helped create the faked Progressive Miners of America, a left-phrasologist twin of the Lewis-controlled UMWA, in an effort to prevent the workers from entering into the National Miners Union or its rank and file opposition groups in the M. W. A. Trotskyite Allard is now cooperating with Rev. Muste in a movement which breaks the unity of the miners.

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Peter Pan Writes of Workers Rest Home and Hospitals

In the Soviet Union, the health of the toiling masses is a social problem, and when a doctor prescribes a sanatorium for a worker, whole organizations get behind the drive to find the right one.

Tsarist Russia, in its vast territories, includes regions where the climate and curative hot springs abounded. Sunny Crimea, with its mellow climate and famous beaches, and the mountainous Caucasus with the best mineral waters in the world, bubbling up from the volcanic slopes, were two of the best known resort regions. Hotels and bath houses were built to take care of those that could afford it under the tsarist regime. Noblemen, officials, and fat bourgeoisie visited there, and the toiling masses were eking out a miserable existence.

Today, everything is different. As soon as a worker goes to a factory or workshop, he is attached to one of the health centers, where the medical workers must keep him well. His complaints are examined, and should he need special food, it is prescribed and he gets it at the stolovaya (workshop restaurants), and personal soma of the more backward workers to go back into the shops singly. He ended up by joining the A. F. of L. International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. In New York, the Trotskyites supported the LEADERS of the Amalgamated Food Workers AGAINST a proposed united front of the rank and file workers of that union with the militant Food Workers' Industrial Union. In Southern Illinois, Jerry Allard helped create the faked Progressive Miners of America, a left-phrasologist twin of the Lewis-controlled UMWA, in an effort to prevent the workers from entering into the National Miners Union or its rank and file opposition groups in the M. W. A. Trotskyite Allard is now cooperating with Rev. Muste in a movement which breaks the unity of the miners.

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were not after tips, and one's pocketbook. All of the best curative waters for gout, rheumatism, stomach and intestinal ailments are to be found here, including the Narzan water, famous all over Europe and superior to the famous German Apollinaris. There are also special mineral baths at various temperatures, and mud baths. Each worker has the water specially prescribed for him at the temperature which he should drink it, and also receives specially prepared individual diets. Not only are the best specialists in the Soviet Union there, but there is a wonderful institute for research work.

CONCERTS AND LIBRARY.

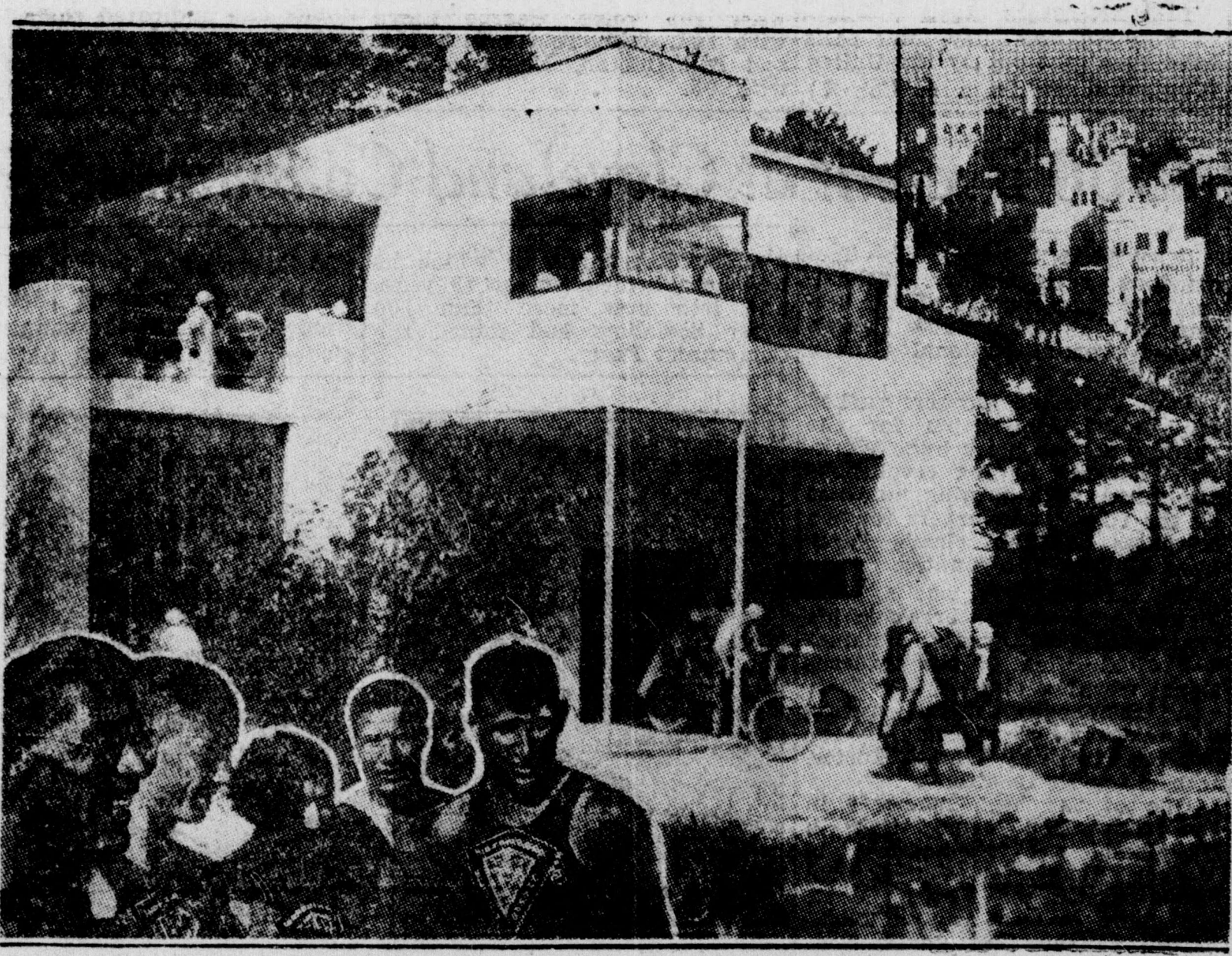
The cultural side of the patients work is not overlooked. Not only is entertainment prepared for the workers, but papers and magazines are kept in the libraries, doctors and dietitians

give lectures, concerts and plays are given by traveling troupes of the best Moscow and Leningrad actors and singers. Excursions to nearby places of interest are made, with specially trained guides who can give scientific lectures about the volcanic origin, geological formation and chemical analysis of the waters. Who pays for the bill, and how? Here again, the Bolsheviks have committed another crime against the bourgeoisie, for these godless people have fixed it so that the workers derive all the benefits and do not have to pay a nickel. While undergoing treatments, they were paid just as if they were working. Vacations with pay—that's what it amounts to.

SOCIAL INSURANCE.

These sanatoriums are run by the trade unions, and the money for the upkeep derived from the enterprises. Every factory

No Deaths From Lead Poisoning in the USSR



Last week we printed stories from Selby and from the bridge jobs in San Francisco of workers getting sick and die from lead poisoning. In the Soviet Union these things no longer happen. Upper left, shows an old palace in the Crimea, where sick Russian workers are sent, and, center, a modern Soviet rest home. Lower right, part of team of cial miners who were runners-up for the track championship of the Soviet Union. In the U. S. A. many coal miners day every year from gas.

East of the Rockies

6000 Battle Police in CWA Demonstration

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Apr. 6.—Battling heroically for more than three hours against police attack, more than 6,000 unemployed marched to the city hall and demonstrated for the continuation of CWA jobs at union wages and increased relief allowances. Five workers and 18 policemen were taken to hospitals following the police attack upon the demonstration. Thirty workers were arrested including the delegation elected by the workers to present their demands to the city council.

Facing machine guns trained on them from the city hall and tear-gas bombs hurled by the police, the workers demanded the release of their delegates. A coal truck was stopped and its contents used as missiles. Windows of the city hall were smashed.

In an effort to arouse sentiment against the workers, stories of a "bomb plot" against the city building was circulated.

New York Taxi Strikers Ranks Solid

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Apr. 3.—The taxi-drivers' strike here remained solid in spite of capitalist press stories of splits in the ranks of the strikers and that the strike had been broken. Strikers insist on picketing all struck garages.

Five thousand Negro hackmen are actively participating in the strike. Representatives of the Taxi Drivers Union of Greater New York presented their demands to Charles A. Schneider, who is acting for Mayor LaGuardia. Included in the plan were demands that strikers be taken back without discrimination for past or future union activities; fleet owners recognize committees elected by the men; the Mayor designate the arbitrator provided for in the agreement in the February strike and that the companies drop all the charges against the strikers.

More than 1,000 hackmen supported the leaders as they presented the strikers' demands at the city hall. The union's petition to continue the strike until a favorable settlement is forced was received with great enthusiasm.

Beat Negro Ban at Anti-Lynch Hearing

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 5.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to bar Negro reporters from the press tables in the caucus room of the United States Senate office building where hearings on the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynching bill are being held. Two Daily Worker reporters made a fight against the segregation of the Negro reporters and when an additional table was provided for the Negroes, Marguerite Young and another Daily Worker reporter took seats at the Negroes' table as a protest against the action of the senate committee.

Whitewash Police Slayer of Negro

MONROE, La., Apr. 6.—A verdict of "self defense" was returned today in the case of the brutal slaying of Alfred Phenezy, young Negro, who attempted to defend himself when set upon and insulted by a group of drunken white hoodlums. Guy Bannister, the officer who killed Phenezy was held by the coroner who gave the usual verdict of "justifiable homicide."

Eye-witnesses stated that the Negro was held by the arms and shot three times by the officer.

First Soviet Ship Hailed in New York

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Apr. 3.—The first Soviet ship to arrive in New York harbor, the Kim, docked yesterday and has been the center of widespread interest and enthusiasm. Hailed as the seamen's paradise, the ship carries a crew of 38 including two young women, all of whom live in upper deck outside cabins and eat the same food and in a common dining room with the officers, and enjoy the salons and recreation facilities along with the passengers.

New Haven Typographers on Strike

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Mar. 30.—Negotiations are under way between publishers of the New Haven Register and representatives of the International Typographical Union to settle a strike which caused suspension of publication of the paper yesterday. The men are striking for restoration of a 10 per cent wage cut.

Dope Board Steals \$36,000 From Fund For Jobless Relief

DENY RELIEF TO A JOBLESS MESSENGER. 61, WHO GOT SHOES FOR HIS WIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 5.—Recently the Supreme Court of the state of California calmly appropriated over \$36,000 from the emergency relief fund and turned this over to the Narcotic Board to create jobs for twenty-four more parasites.

The day after this happened, I went down to the relief offices here and was denied rent money. I am 61 years of age, my wife is 57, and I have been a worker all my life. I am now a government employee—a special delivery messenger—on "indefinite payless furlough."

February, 1933, 56 of us were laid off by the government. Previous to this time, we had been making only about a dollar a day—we get paid nine cents for every letter we deliver—and since then the only work we got was a few weeks right before Christmas.

Wife Without Shoes.

The excuses given for not paying our rent was that my wife had earned a few dollars during the previous month. Some stool-pigeons who are also on relief had reported her. She had gotten a job for a few days as a trained nurse and had used the money to buy herself a new pair of shoes and some stockings. Her shoes were so completely worn out that they couldn't be used at all, and her stockings were in rags, and besides that the relief agency had refused to give her a card for clothes. But still they told me that I should have applied the money she earned on to our next month's rent, and left my wife go without shoes or stockings.

I went up alone to see them about this, and they wouldn't let me talk to any of the department heads, so I am going to go back and see if I can organize an Unemployed Council to demand that we shall get our rent paid.

—G. M. C.

Speed-up Kills Sau Pedro Seaman

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Apr. 5.—The pace that kills the longshoremen took another life last Friday when a truck and trailer loaded with tomatoes from the steamer "Siskiyou" collided with a Chevrolet, then struck a cab, injuring 5 passers-by. One of them, a seaman, subsequently died.

It is noteworthy that before the ambulance arrived the truck and trailer's load was transferred and removed from the scene. Such is the speed-up that waterfront workers have to face at this port.

—Stevadore.

Workers, Students, Demonstrate in L.A. Against Nazi Ship

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 1.—Two workers are in the hospital and scores more were beaten in a brutal attack by the Red Squad upon workers demonstrating against Hitler Fascism, when 30 midshipmen and officers of the German navy ship Karlsruhe were received in this city. Following the great demonstration against them in Tacoma, the ship anchored in San Diego instead of Los Angeles harbor, where a similar demonstration would be expected from the marine workers.

Police charged into the crowd as workers, with great ferocity, swinging blackjacks and clubs indiscriminately. Under a heavy guard the Nazis were escorted to a small reception in the Turn Verein Hall amid boos from the crowd.

Of the large crew working the cruiser only the small handful was picked to come to the reception.

4 Young Workers Arrested in Fight On Discrimination

YOUTH DEFENDERS LEAD IN PROTEST AGAINST S. F. JIM CROW BARBER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Four workers were arrested and a number were beaten up at a demonstration held today protesting against the Negro discrimination policy of Doug's barber shop on Ellis Street, near Fillmore.

Called by the Youth Defenders, an organization of Negro and white youth, affiliated to the International Labor Defense, the demonstration was a follow-up of a street meeting held last Monday exposing the shop. This is the first of a series of struggles which will be waged in the Fillmore section against Jim-crowism.

The cops tried to arrest Frank De Barros, a young Portuguese worker who was carrying a banner bearing an anti-discrimination slogan.

All the workers in the demonstration massed around the young comrade, however, and would not let the cop lead him away.

Speakers at the demonstration were Comrade Angel, representing the Communist Party, and Paul Colman, of the Young Communist League. Chairman of the committee in charge was Miriam Davis, of the Youth Defenders.

Workers United

There was no discrimination in the manner with which the fifteen cops beat men, women and youth. They punched one elderly woman worker in the stomach so hard that she probably has internal injuries. One man was left lying on the sidewalk in a battered condition, without any medical attention whatsoever.

Although the three carloads of cops succeeded in finally breaking up the demonstration, the workers put up a militant struggle, and the workers of the neighborhood, Negro and white alike, are angry over the tactics of the cops. The boss of the shop tried to round up a gang of hoodlums to attack the demonstrators, but couldn't find anyone who would fight against the workers.

One of the arrested workers was a Negro minister who gave his militant support to the demonstration.

"Holman, the Gold-Digger"



Before Lee Holman, left, the fake "leader" of the I.L.A. in San Francisco, discovered how to pan gold out of the pockets of the San Francisco longshoremen, he tried to mislead the unemployed with a gold-panning racket. Here he is at Stow Lake in San Francisco. Since his recent betrayal of the longshoremen they are throwing him out and he'll have to pan somewhere else.

Monterey United Front Forces Repeal Of Fascist Anti-Picketing Ordinance

A. F. of L. Misleaders Agree to Appointment of Strike-Breaking Arbitration Board

SALINAS, Calif., April 6.—Repeal of the Monterey County anti-picketing ordinance as the result of broad united front protests not only revealed the power of united action but also the traitorous role of the A. F. of L. "leaders" who were forced into the united front by the militancy of their rank-and-file.

The final settlement arranged was that an "impartial" board arbitrate (read "sell out") wage disputes. This "impartial board" was to be composed of five representatives of labor, five representatives of growers and shippers, and five "impartial" members to be selected from and by the Monterey County Chamber of Commerce.

This arrangement got the complete support of the A. F. of L. fake Vegetable Packers Union head, J. H. Dicks, who declared that he would support the decisions of this board if his union were given representation among the five "labor" representatives. Secret Agreement

The arrangement was worked out behind closed doors with George Creel of the NRA laying down the line to which both grovers and their A. F. of L. servants accepted.

Two lessons have been learned by the Salinas workers as a result of this fight. The first lesson is that mass protest can force the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance, and that mass indignation of the workers can force the A. F. of L. fakers to oppose the ordinance. The second lesson is that these A. F. of L. fakers will never conduct a militant struggle but will seize the first opportunity to sabotage the workers' struggle for the right to strike.

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Ways Farmers Lose Through Poultry Producers' Assn.

PAYS HIS OWN "DIVIDENDS"; HIGH SALARIES AND OTHER CHARGES DISCLOSED

BEN LOMOND, Cal., Mar. 26.—Referring to an article by "Poultry Farmer" in a recent issue of the Western Worker in which the Poultry Producers of General California is properly drawn and quartered, may I suggest a postmortem?

The PPOC handles a major percentage of the egg production of Central California and last year packed and sold something like thirty \$100,000 dozen eggs for its 10,000 odd members, and has been doing this for twelve years. It is the only union which stands between us and the systematic fleecing we once had to take at the hands of private egg buyers.

Comrade "Poultry Farmer" no doubt did not mean to misrepresent, but he is nevertheless mistaken in his test of the association's grading. In this test a case of No. 1 Extras was bought at retail for \$6 and dozen eggs by him to the PPOC plant. No "Large No. 1" eggs were listed on the return statement, and here he detected corruption. But the No. 1 Extra sold at retail for \$6 is a separate grade from the "Large No. 1" grade shown on the shippers statement. The latter is a special, more carefully selected grade for Eastern markets.

The \$2.58 He Didn't Get.

Having sold the \$6 case of eggs back to the PPOC for only \$3.42 he wants to know what became of the \$2.58 difference. In normal years he would have received 75c additional in the form of dividends and revolving fund certificates. Forty cents is charged for packing crate and fillers, and the remaining \$1.43 is in the cost of grading and repacking, overhead and retelling, not to mention a possible loss he would incur due to increased age and depreciation from handling.

But our board of directors continues to pay General Manager John P. Lawlor a salary of \$3,800 a year. At the same time the packing plant workers have taken several pay cuts, while the poultry farmers who pay Mr. Lawlor's salary are either being forced to sell their flocks and quit, or are hanging on by hook or crook at a fraction of their 1929 incomes. Mr. Lawlor sympathizes with us but declares that he can't possibly get along on less than \$900 a month himself.

Loss on Certificates.

We also pay too high a rate of interest on the capital with which the business is run, amounting in some instances to eight and ten percent. This capital is supplied by members themselves by means of a deduction of one cent per dozen on all eggs shipped. This thirty cents a case is paid to the member quarterly, not in cash but in certificates bearing six per cent interest. They are eventually to be redeemed in cash, usually after two or three years.

If the poultryman wants to cash these certificates when he gets them, and he usually has to do so, he must sell them at a discount which nets the money tender from eight to ten percent on the investment.

Pays His Own Dividends.

The member, who holds his certificates until maturity may imagine he is receiving six per-

Foreign News Briefs

Japanese Bankers Block Loan to Nanking

SHANGHAI, China, Apr. 2 (By Short Wave Radio).—Publication by the Tass news agency March 17 of the reports of the plan of a consortium of big international bankers under control of American interests, to float a large loan in support of the Nanking government, excluding Japanese capital, brought denials today from the Chinese government. Japanese diplomats had objected strenuously to this loan, declaring that "in all questions connected with China's relations with other countries, the decision rests with Japan, which has the force capable of maintaining order." This is regarded as an open attempt of Japanese finance capital to establish a "protectorate" over China. The Nanking government today repudiated the entire dispatch as a too open admission of the alliance of the Japanese and Nanking governments, but admitted that "Chinese bankers were about to float a loan and that they might 'co-operate' with foreign banks."

British, Japanese Clash Over Tibet

LONDON, England, Apr. 3 (By Short Wave Radio).—British imperialists have entered a strenuous objection to the proposed return of the Panchen Lama to Thassa fortress. Ever since his flight from Tibet, the Lama has been intriguing in Tibet in favor of Japanese interests, and the recent visit of a delegation to the Lama requesting his return to Tibet, British imperialism has been making gradual but steady inroads into Tibet until the entire territory is now under British domination, and has hoped to use this as a lever for direct expansion into China at the expense of Japanese capitalist interests. The adherents of the Lama in Tibet report that "civil war is ripening" in Tibet, and Japanese imperialists are hoping to turn this struggle for independence of Tibet into a mere exchanging of Japanese for British imperialist yokes.

Danzig Paper Lauds USSR Peace Policy

DANZIG, Prussia, Apr. 2 (By Short Wave Radio).—The newspaper Izvestia today declared that the newly signed non-aggression pacts between the USSR and the three Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia was an important step towards stabilizing the Eastern European situation for peace, and is a recognition of the common interests of the three Baltic states. The pacts are to last until 1945.

Paris Women Aid Austrian Victims

PARIS, France, Mar. 29.—A delegation of women, organized by the International Red Aid, has left for Austria to take charge of the distribution of funds raised through the I. R. A. throughout the world for the victims of the Dollfus-Fascist terror. An appeal to the workers of the world to come to the assistance of these victims has been issued by the widows and orphans of nine of the workers slaughtered on the streets of Paris by government troops during the February demonstrations.

Open Canary Isles Prison Camps

MADRID, Spain, March 30.—The Lerroux-Robles government announces that a series of concentration camps for political prisoners will be opened in the Canary Islands, and that 200 workers will be sent there during the next week. Attempts at a "coup d'etat" in the near future by the Fascists are indicated by the recent discovery of a consignment of machine guns, revolvers and other arms, aboard in ships Lancha in Cadiz, addressed to a leading Spanish Fascist from Germany.

General strikes continue to spread in the provinces of Malaga, Valencia, Barcelona, Saragossa and Madrid.

May 1st General Strike in France

PARIS, France, Apr. 3.—A general strike "beginning May First and lasting until victory is assured" was reported voted by the Unitary Confederation of Labor, the French revolutionary trade unions, yesterday. The strike, which would call out most of the transport, communication, and gas, electric and water supply workers, is to fight the paycuts and mass layoffs of the Doumergue government.

cent on the money held by the association. As a matter of fact he merely changes the money from one pocket to another of his own trousers, since the interest payment comes out of operating expenses chargeable against the cost of marketing his eggs. There is nearly a million dollars outstanding in these certificates, not to mention food fund certificates in slightly lesser amount. Can it be that the banks have this money to play with in the meantime? But Mr. Lawlor used to be a banker. He ought to know.

Another Poultryman.

(Editor's note: The explanation of what happened to the \$2.58 discrepancy shows clearly the high charges the farmer is subject to and which he resents. As well it fails to explain why he had to pay a higher price for an inferior grade of eggs. The reader can draw his own conclusions as to whether this union stands against systematic fleecing.)

Workers in all towns! Send in stories of wages and conditions to the "Western Worker!"

Workers in Sacto. Cannery Forced to Put in 14 Hr. Days

WOMEN MADE TO WORK OVER TIME AND SUNDAYS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Apr. 5.—The cannery workers in C. P. C. cannery at 16th and C Sts. are treated worse than chattel slaves. Here are some of the things we have to put up with:

Fourteen hours, or more, at the cannery, 6 days a week. Sometimes we work that long, sometimes we have to stay that long in order to get in 8 or 10 hours of work. We usually get 45 minutes for lunch, and on Sunday everybody gets his lunch at the cannery. The lineup is so long that half of us have to wait 20 minutes or more before we get lunch. If we are one minute late in getting back to our places of work the "white line" is starting in the face—that means that we have been docked for 15 minutes. In this way we can work 14 hours overtime without getting any bonus.

Work Women Overtime.

A lot of the women would like to check out when they get in their 8 hours, but the bosses won't give them a release.

The canneries totally ignore the rights of women workers, who are supposed to work only 8 hours, and no more, in 1 day. And pay day is just another day of torture. Instead of giving out the checks, they make us line up after a hard day's work. If you happen to be off on that day, you can't go anywhere because it takes all day to get paid. We pay a stop to this sort of thing if we all stick together. We must organize a union. After all, why not take an example from the field workers who are winning better conditions every day with the C. & A.W.U.?

—Woman Worker at C. P. C. Cannery.

Tulare Militants Jailed In Fight For Relief

TULARE, Cal., Apr. 5.—Mrs. Lillian Monroe, who has two children and now pregnant was jailed here for daring to ask for adequate relief in the welfare office. She was taking part in a demonstration at the Pixley food depot, where the workers were protesting their bad conditions. Mrs. Dunn was charged with riot, and her bail has been set at \$1000.

Lillian Monroe was arrested at the same time, and charged with riot. Her bail has been fixed at \$1500. They are filling an appeal for change of venue from Justice Swann's court.

Workers are urged to send resolutions to District Attorney Haight, demanding the unconditional release of both of them as well as the right to organize to fight for adequate relief.

World Events and Western Workers

By E. Kirby

Moley's "Attack" On Hitlerism of a Piece With Whitewashing of Dickstein Investigation — "Democracy Only Experiment" — "We Can Build Our Own American Fascism" Is Gist of "Expose"

and throws the jobless back onto the mercy of the local slot kitchens and relief departments.

"Hitlerism," screams "Today" in effect, "is based on the purity of race, and opposition to all the other races within the nation, on persecution of the Jews and Catholics, believes in the authority of leadership, dictatorship, in the value of personality, advocates a state of truly sovereign authority which dominates all the forces of the nation." It trains extra-legal forces of storm troops, and is not democratic.

Only the monumental hypocrisy of a Roosevelt or a Moley could find fault, as they would have you believe they do, with the statement of principle including "keeping in touch with the masses, guiding and educating them and looking after their interests" for that is what exactly Roosevelt pretends to do. Hitler's "educating" is with concentration camps, attempted strangulation of labor unions and starvation. The difference is one not of kind but only of degree. And the degree corresponds to the different situation in the U. S. and Germany.

Moley names the number of Nazi groups of the "Friends of New Germany" in the United States and points to the fact that the printed propaganda came in on every German ship. But the Federal authorities do not stop this, and when the workers of Tacoma, or New York or Los

Angeles demonstrate against the Nazi ships, those Federal authorities eat their dinners with good appetite as they read how the police and extra-legal American fascist organizations attack those American workers. It is a class

matter, and they know which class they are serving.

Democracy An Experiment Only

Moley admits after presenting an outline of the state which would make any intelligent worker laugh. "We may as well admit that the principle of the democratic state is experimental. . . . The growth of Hitlerism in the United States is inimical to orderly efforts that Americans are making to attain a more humane government and a larger measure of social justice through our own democratic methods. The essential reason why Americans should be more concerned over the growth of Hitlerism is that it is destructive of American principles."

In other words, since "democracy" is only an experiment, which capitalism in its desperate position, now finds to be more of a hindrance than an aid, "we must have another system which will keep Wall Street as the Old Man of the sea on the worker's back. But this dictatorship must be worked out along American lines and not be tainted with a foreign taste for one of the very tricks we are using, as you did in Germany, is trying to feed hungry workers on the wind of buying flags and silence them, as you tried to, with police clubs and promises we can not fulfill any more than you did."

"We need no Nazi storm troops, for have we not the Silver Shirts, and Klansmen, American Legionnaires and other organized hordes of per-centage? For your headman's axe we have the lyncher's rope. We have no quarrel with you, but we must build American fascism behind that nationalist, Aryan smoke screen and we want no real rivalry from you. But don't be too alarmed at our sham attack for there are things you can help us to learn."

"Right now we are trying to hobble labor with compulsory mediation boards—the time is not

Messengers Planning Action for Re-instatement of Boy

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 6.—In our office, (VN), of the Western Union, there is a clerk who is a perfect example of a bosses' "flunkie". He is always growling at the messengers, and says they should "keep their place."

The other day, one of the boys who has worked for me for two and a half years, was bawled out and sent in to the main office because he forgot to wear his cap on a delivery.

We messengers got together and drew up a resolution demanding that he be put back to work. If he is not put back to work, we plan to call a meeting and decide further action.

Another messenger was fired because when he was delivering a "collect" message, the addressee bawled him out for not having change, while he boy refused to take the insults of the woman to whom the message was addressed. When he got back to the office he got another bawling out from both the manager (Val Crane) and the clerk, for not being "polite" while he was getting in for something he could not help.

—A Messenger.

Injunctions Fail to Stop L. A. Brown Derby Cafe Strikers

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. 7.—The "Brown Derby" cafe waiters' strike is now in its second month. The ranks of the strikers are still solid. Although the Brown Derby managements has secured a temporary restraining order prohibiting picketing, the strikers sell newspapers and front of the three cafes, shouting out that the strike is on. According to reports, since the strike has been on the cafes have lost 50 per cent of their business.

Bradley Must Serve Six Months Sentence

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Louis Bradley, arrested during the strike of the grape-pickers around Fresno last July and August against the miserable wage being paid, today had his demand for an appeal from the charge of "inciting to riot" turned down by the Supreme Court of California.

Bradley will now be forced to serve six months in the Fresno County Jail. Before leaving for Fresno, Bradley pledged himself to continue his activity in the workers' struggles for better conditions.

—A Messenger.

SILVER SHIRT PELLEY'S MAN FRIDAY

By John L. Spivak

"Silver Shirt" Pelley and his man Friday, better known as Chief Ranger Weeks, have been in California for the past two or three weeks saving the Pacific Coast from the wicked Jews and Communists.

Chief Ranger Weeks is a tolerant man. He says so himself. He is willing to let anyone have their own opinion. Just as long as it agrees with his, of course. He has no hatred for the Jews, either. Just wants to get them out of the country that's all. He'd rather do that than have them all butchered.

The exponent of Race Hatred claims to be a former Army Officer. He was a West Point graduate and served in the Regular Army until after the war when his "holy" zeal against the terrible Communists forced him to resign so that he could spend all his life fighting them. But the funny thing about his story is this. Nobody by the name of L. A. Weeks ever graduated from

West Point and when a person checks up the Army List of officers for the years 1914 to 1919 there is no such name as L. A. Weeks among the list of Regular Army Officers. It's funny.

He's a great soldier, too. He's got a trunkful of medals at home that is. He never showed them to anybody.

Because of his lies, this man Weeks is dangerous. So many people are prone to take such men at their own valuation. Many muddle-headed middle class Americans may fall for a line like his. They know that the whole world is going "hay wire" and this man Weeks gives them something to cuss.

Chief Ranger Weeks tells of the horrors who are flocking to join the Silver Shirts. Well, a close check of all California taken about the middle of January showed less than five hundred members. What I'd like to know is this. Who pays for all the printing of these papers they broadcast all over the country?

Works 2 Days For Porterville Fakers Barterites, Gets Try Every Trick to No Food or Money Cut Down on Relief

FAKERS SAY CASH SPENT ON GASOLINE; BUT GAS GIVEN TO THEM FREE

OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 31.—I want to tell you about some of these unemployed co-operatives. Not long ago I signed up with the Unemployed Co-operative Distributors of California, at 2233 East 14th St. I was told to work from 9:30 a. m. until 3:30 p. m. and that I would get my lunch for it. No breakfast or lunch was given, but they said I could take some food home if they had it. After 2 days I asked for some bread and canned milk, and was told they had none. When I wanted to know what they did with the money they got for wood, peach pits, and the dances they gave, they said it was used for gasoline, rent and tobacco. Later I found out that they get all these things for nothing. Then I told them that I was through.

Others As Bad.

Last year I worked at the U. P. C. D. at 23rd and Railroad Ave. At 7:30 in the morning I went out on a truck to get some vegetables and fruit, which the farmers in the Castro Valley were going to give away because they could not sell it. We worked until 2:30, and did not even get lunch this time, but I was allowed to take home a bag of carrots and potatoes. I can tell you that it does not feel very good to live on carrots and potatoes. Two days at this place was plenty.

The third place I worked at was the U. C. R. A. at 12th and Kirkham Sts. No breakfast or supper is given here either, and we got macaroni and vegetables for lunch. I worked from a. m. until 3:30 p. m. for two weeks, repairing cars and trucks.

PORTERVILLE, Cal., Apr. 5.—

We go to the relief headquarters every Tuesday; this week there were 200 of us lined up there. When it came my turn, they told me they weren't giving out anything to single men. Their game is to find some excuse to turn us down, stall around, kill as much time as possible, and if they can't get around to all of us they are that much ahead.

A week ago they turned down a woman. She whacked one old battle-axe with her purse, and then the bulls came. After wrestling her all over the place, they finally got the bracelets on her, and took her to the police station.

In my case, some time ago they wanted to send me out to work for my meals only, but I wouldn't go. Two weeks ago they turned me down, but I went to the County Supervisor, and he made them come across. This time he told me he couldn't do anything for me.

The Relief Board has done itself proud in this county. They have spent 53 cents per capita for relief work, whereas over the state it is better than \$6.00 per capita. If any of us happened to have a CWA job, they turn us down. I told them that every time they turned a dirty trick it made two new Communists.

—Poterville Correspondent.

As I am a mechanic, they told me they would fix it so that I could get some of the road work—2 days a week at \$3.00 a day. Then they told me that I would have to pay \$1.50 out of every \$3.00 I earned, and it cost me 16 cents car fare every day I worked.

You unemployed and single men, stay away from these unemployed co-operatives. They follow a wage-cutting policy, and you pay them to let you work there.

THEO. JORDAN APPEALS FROM DEATH CELL

A MESSAGE TO MY FELLOW WORKERS, WHATEVER THEIR COLOR, NATIONALITY, OR CREED:

At Scottsboro, Alabama, the nine young Negro boys are still in the clutches of lynch-law, which is determined to see them die in the electric chair. In Maryland, Georgia, Alabama, and throughout the nation, both Negro and white workers are made gruesome victims of the same forces, that operate through the courts, that

clamor for the lives of the Scottsboro boys. In the Oregon penitentiary, I sit in the death cell—another Negro worker—while the forces of reaction complete the arrangements for my death. While the forces of crystallized Fascism prepare to carry through their frame-up.

I need not repeat my innocence. I need but point to the records of my trial—to the hours of third-degree torture that I endured, and to the vicious lashing of race-hatred to a violent frenzy by the prosecution and the others who entered into my frame-up.

I was "tried"—not to prove my guilt or innocence of the charge of murdering a white man, but for the color of my skin, and the fact that I am a worker.

The International Labor De-

Theo. Jordan



We Can See Hitler and Dollfuss, But - Can We See Roosevelt?

By Alex Noral

Practically every Comrade knows what has and is taking place in Germany, Austria, Spain, etc., in the last few months, but many do not realize what is actually taking place right here in the United States. And herein lies a basic weakness, the result of lack of political discussions in the working class organizations.

Is the NRA an instrument through which the American bourgeoisie is attempting to strengthen its big monopolies, laying the basis for fascism and preparing for war? Or do some comrades think that fascism is an European product that will not be thrust upon the American masses, a dangerous theory of exceptionalism? Or on the other hand, do some comrades think that fascism is inevitable in the United States? Both the latter are wrong theories. However, let us examine the Roosevelt speech to Congress in early January of this year, because, in this speech are the expressed desires of the American bourgeoisie, laying the basis for, and slipping into, fascism.

This is born out even more clearly when we analyze Roosevelt's speech in the light that it coincides with the merging of the Reich and the National Socialist (fascist) organization in Germany by Hitler.

A RELATIVE LIKENESS.

Among other things Roosevelt in his speech stated:

"Out of these friendly contacts we are, fortunately, building a strong and permanent tie between the LEGISLATIVE and EXECUTIVE branches of government". These friendly contacts Roosevelt speaks about are the dictatorial powers given him by the first session of the 73rd Congress, and he openly construes this as making "a strong and permanent tie" between the Legislative (Congress) and Executive (Roosevelt) branch of government. Here we have all the earmarks of a merging process making the Legislative and Executive branch of government ONE and THE SAME. The significance of this is clearly explained in the "Christian Science Monitor" of last December 12th, when it quotes the merging of the Reich with the "executive" Hitler, who said:

"Germany's internal consolidation has been advanced tremendously by a DECREE making the Reich and National Socialist organization politically ONE and THE SAME".

Speaking of this merging process, Roosevelt said:

"The letter of the Constitution wisely declares a separation, BUT THE IMPULSE OF COMMON PURPOSE DECLARES A UNION".

"NEW METHODS".

Roosevelt's impulse, declaring a union means that constitutions are taboo in the interest of NEW METHODS. Hitler speaking on the merging of the Reich stated:

"A new epoch has begun in which NEW METHODS are demanded".

Then Hitler further states that: "This merging is preparatory to a CORPORATIVE PLAN UNITING EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN THE SAME ORGANIZATION". Roosevelt speaks on the latter as if it were an accomplished fact in the United States, when

he says: "Under the AUTHORITY OF THIS CONGRESS (the dictatorial powers given him by the 73rd Congress) I HAVE BROUGHT THE COMPONENT PARTS OF INDUSTRY TOGETHER AROUND A COMMON TABLE. JUST AS WE HAVE BROUGHT LABOR TO A COMMON MEETING PLACE".

Here Roosevelt speaks of the National Labor Board, set up as an appendage to the NRA codes, and whose decisions "are to be binding" (as to workers), as Roosevelt puts it. The Board is "TO COMPOSE (artificially) a new NATIONAL BOARD OF CONCILIATION".

The above statements of Roosevelt and Hitler will be better understood when we analyze even the closer connection of their speeches in the following statements. Roosevelt says: "I think you will agree with me that we have created a PERMANENT FEATURE OF OUR MODERNIZED INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE (The NRA, its Codes and National Labor Board—A. N.) and will continue under the supervision, but not the arbitrary DICTATION of government ITSELF".

In other words Roosevelt says that the dictatorial powers given him by the Congress, will be used against this very same Congress if it tries to interfere with the fascist program of monopoly capitalism. This compares well with Hitler when he spoke about the "MODERNIZED STRUCTURE".

"The National (Hitler) Socialist Party now becomes a CORPORATION IN THE CORPORATIVE STATE".

IS FASCISM INEVITABLE? "In the fight against the fascization of this so-called 'democratic' countries, the Communist Parties must first of all brush aside the fatalistic, defeatist line of the inevitability of a fascist dictatorship and imperialist war and also the opportunist underestimation of the tempo of fascistization and the threat of imperialist war, which condemn the Communist Parties to passivity". (Thesis—13th Plenum of the E. C. C. I.)

We must better understand ourselves the maneuvers of the bourgeoisie in order to better explain them to the masses, in order to quicken the tempo of the struggle against these maneuvers. We must quickly build the Unemployed Councils into real mass organizations deeply rooted in the neighborhood, quickly establish real functioning Party nuclei in every factory, especially in the concentration war industries, definitely linking up the employed and unemployed against the Roosevelt program of fascism and war. The struggle for increased wages, for Unemployment Insurance and continuation of CWA jobs at union rates of pay, the building of the militant trade unions and opposition groups in

Farm Workers Offer Criticism To Help Movement in Stockton

PREPARE SPEECHES, IMPROVE CENTER, BE MORE COMRADELY, WORKERS URGE

STOCKTON, Cal., Apr. 4th.—I wish to state a few things that I see that should be criticized through the Western Worker if we are to reach the broad section of workers which yet has not become acquainted with our program.

First, the speakers who talk to us on Hunter Square, talk in circles about EVERYTHING ELSE BUT what is taking place daily, local, State and National, which they do not prepare their talks.

Many whom I am in contact with come to Stockton only once a week (Saturday) and stay over to hear the week's progress, but other than saying something nasty about the Bosses I might just as well go listen to the Socialist Party in their hall, out of the wind.

Secondly, the leaflets and the speakers reports on Ray Gogan don't jibe. One says he got a year (within a few days) another 16 months (total) another 18 months (the store where I trade laughs at me and the "reds" for not making up my mind and the "reds" (the same) what his jolt is.

Too Suspicious.

Thirdly, when anybody comes in the hall (especially if dressed up and clean) somebody will poke his head out of one of the offices with a suspicious stare, never say "Hello", or "Have you brought anything in this letter rack" but rather "What are you doing here?"

Fourthly, there is an epidemic of coarse talk and needless profanity unless there HAPPENS to be a woman present.

Finally, the hall appears like a "downhome jungle", cooking, washing in plain sight, and the toilet don't smell like a bed of roses.

Annual May Picnic

Royal Palms San Pedro

Sunday, April 29th

Good Music - Dancing - Program

Good Eats Admission, 15 cents

Fare, Round-trip, 10 cents

Auspices: Los Angeles Workers Club

The AF of L, establishing our roots in the countryside among the poor farmers, and among the petty-bourgeois in general, only in this way will we be able to say that we are carrying out to the fullest our Bolshevik task, the struggle against fascism and war, the struggle for proletarian power.

How to Concretize on the Signature Campaign To Put Party on Ballot

I postponed the duty of going out to get signatures to put the Communist Party on the ballot as long as possible, feeling that I couldn't do this work because I never had before. But last week I did it with another comrade into a Negro district, taking along Western Workers and copies of "Why Communism?" and "The Communist Position on the Negro Question".

The first doorbell which we rang, the woman who came to the door did not know what the Communist Party was.

So I said to her, "If your gas or water or lights have been turned off, if you are about to be evicted from your home, if you are not getting enough relief, if your husband is being speeded up on his job, the Communist Party teaches you how to fight to make these conditions better. We are the only political party which is leading the workers in their fight for better conditions".

She told me that her water was going to be shut off within the week, and not only signed the petition, but came around to the next meeting of the Unemployed Council to fight to keep her water turned on. She also brought a copy of "Why Communism?".

She is not a party member yet, but she has been drawn close to the movement and is working with it and studying about it.

WATER SHUT OFF.

After ringing a few more doorbells and approaching the workers in this way, I came across a Negro worker whose water had been turned off that day.

"What can I do?" he asked. "When I explained what the Party was and did, we agreed to form a new block committee immediately and fight to get this Negro's water turned on. So we went back to all the workers who had signed the petition that afternoon."

"We told you a little while ago that we lead the fight for better conditions. A neighbor of yours, we have just found out, has had his water turned off today, and we are forming a block committee out of neighbors to go and turn it on. We want you to come down on the committee and make the water company turn on this worker's water."

In this way, we got a delegation of five comrade neighbors to go and turn the worker himself

The International Labor Defense representative is actually insulting if you can't see everything by his own way. And I never seen him do anything except speak on the street corner, visit the jail and sit in the hall meeting Monday night.

There is no push behind the sales of literature or following workers who want or could be reached and shown how we stand for and be made members.

Western Worker Affair Good.

We all felt very pleased (talked to many) with the Western Worker Affair held last Sunday. The spirit was there and the program crowded with GOOD entertaining and educational points, speakers, young folks. Even the raffle and cake auction was keen. Undertakers were not present this time.

The signs in the hall to help pay the rent is a GOOD idea.

Too much talk about stool-pigeons, and the miserable County Jail conditions without anything being done about it, goes on in the reading room. Even the Socialist Party will help to clear up the jail conditions, (churches too) as a reform measure if the proper ground-work is laid. And that's about all they are good for anyway. It would make it better for our leaders and it would be and are sturdy there for the lack of a strong I. L. D. organization.

I hope my criticisms will serve as a guide rather than a rebuke to build toward a better organization, radiating from Stockton.

We held a discussion here on the job, and believe we are doing right in mailing in this letter rather than letting our faults smoulder and our flame (fight) die down. We all read the Western Worker and pass it on when we finish it to the boys on the next farm job.

—FIVE FARM LABORERS, Jack, Portugee Joe, Husky, Mouthorgan and The Wop.

By John Castelli.

Get a Free Copy of 24-Page Special May Day Daily Worker

A special 24-page May Day edition will be published by the Daily Worker, and rushed to the Pacific Coast so that it will be available for May Day demonstrations.

This edition will include articles on the history of May Day struggles and on the current position of the revolutionary workers movement throughout the country and the world, written by Earl Browder, William Z. Foster, Bill Dunne, and other outstanding leaders of the workers' struggles.

Every new subscriber to the Western Worker between this issue and May 1 will receive a free copy of this special edition as an introduction to the Daily Worker.

was out getting together four of his friends, so that a committee of nine neighbors went down the next day and succeeded in getting this worker's water turned on.

In four hours work, we got seven signatures on our petition, sold eight copies of "Why Communism?", two copies of "The Communist Position on the Negro Question", and five Western Workers. Four of the workers who bought "Why Communism?" said that they would sign the petition after they read the pamphlet, which they did. When we got back to the center we found that other comrades had done as well, some getting even more names right on the street corners.

TO UNITE CAMPAIGNS.

The workers who went out to fight for this Negro's water are now a functioning block committee of the Unemployed Council. Each worker contacted was not unfriendly to the Party, and when we showed them concretely how the Party leads struggles for better conditions, they were friendly to it. Those who signed the petition have been brought into functioning organizations of the Unemployed Council.

Many of the Negro workers who had heard about the Scottsboro case came to have a much clearer idea of how the Party has led the fight for the freedom of the Negroes. The formalization of Negro and white workers on the committee which would lead the water company demonstrated concretely to the Negro workers that the Party means what it said about fighting for the Negroes.

Too many of our comrades look upon this signature campaign as something entirely separated from our activities in building up the struggles in the neighborhood. This is entirely wrong. On the basis of our signature campaign, we can make contacts with the conditions, find out about their work, their struggles, and win them closer to the Party. Every phase of Party work—Negro work, unemployed work, etc., can be linked up with the signature campaign if we prepare the Party and its program to the workers in a concrete and realistic way.—D.G.L.

Build Party for Revolutionary Workers Government, Task Set by Party Com. Resolution

VII. BUILDING THE PARTY.

1.—The key to the building of the Party has been given in decisions of the Open Letter and in the control tasks which stress the rooting of the Party in factories and in the most important industries, winning especially the native white and Negro workers. This task remains in full force and must be immediately carried through. Mass recruitment must be undertaken in connection with all our mass activities and struggles and the fluctuations overcome through the improvement of all our work, especially the raising of the political level and initiative of the leadership of the nuclei and lower Party organizations in the day to day struggles, and in the work of the fractions of the mass organizations, particularly in the trade unions, which must be built and consolidated. Improvement of the inner life of the Party and turning their face to the mass struggle is a basic necessity to which all leading organs must give their full attention, establishing direct personal contact with the Party units and lower Party organizations. The building of unit leadership, of section committees, strengthening the Party politically, raising their initiative, demands that an end be put to the tendency of monopolizing all political work in the hands of the top organizers and requires the development of real collective leadership from the Central Committee down to the units.

2.—An important part of the rooting of the Party in the factories, particularly as a means of increasing our agitation among the factory workers and in face of growing dangers of illegality, is the wide extension of popular shop papers issued in the name of the Party nuclei, in all fractions where Party nuclei exist taking up the partial struggles of the workers, and connecting them with the fight against fascism and war and for the revolutionary way out.

3.—The Party must prepare to go underground, must tighten the discipline of the Party, combat spies, insure the secret functioning of the factory nuclei while maintaining the greatest contacts with the masses in the factories, preparing immediately cadres for underground work. While preparing for illegality, the Party must at the same time struggle against every attack upon its legal rights through the development of mass struggles.

4.—Greater boldness must be shown in the promotion of new cadres from the ranks of the workers, pushing forward capable and energetic individuals, particularly from among native workers in the industries of concentration. This applies not only to the Party, but to the revolutionary mass organizations. The task of promoting cadres as well as the urgent theoretical level of the Party requires the more serious development of District schools, week-end schools, particularly in the industrial sections for employed workers, and strengthening the national school.

5.—THE DAILY WORKER must still further achieve its popularization, establish a functioning Workers Advisory Committee composed of workers from the shops and unions, establish and develop the political and theoretical level of the workers, increase and improve workers' correspondence, and make it a central part of the policy of the entire paper, and strengthen the DAILY as the organizer and leader of the mass struggles of the workers, the builder of the trade unions and unemployed organizations, and of the Party, and to a far greater extent bring forward and explain the revolutionary program of the Party. All Party organizations are obliged as one of their central tasks to build the circulation of the paper, to make it known, and strengthen its influence, particularly in the factories, among workers on strike, among the ranks of the unemployed, and all mass battles.

6.—The foreign language press must be extended, popularized and become mass organs for the combating of national separation, against fascist propaganda carried on by the American fascists and those of European countries, and be a means of drawing the foreign born workers into the main stream of the class struggle, the Communist Party and the mass organizations, particularly the trade unions.

There must be a wider issuance and circulation of literature on current political problems and propaganda pamphlets dealing with the revolutionary way out of the crisis. The mass sale of Communist literature must be a normal part of the day to day activities of every Communist Party member.

We reprint below the final installment of the Draft Resolution, submitted by our Central Committee for discussion in all Party units, which after suggestions, and proposals has been amended in final form for adoption at the National Convention in Cleveland.

7.—The building of the Party demands that the opportunist tendency of hiding the face of the Party, which has frequently manifested itself especially in the trade union struggles, must be decisively overcome. The Party must conduct a systematic struggle against right opportunism, manifesting itself in the underestimation of the revolutionary upsurge of the masses, in an underestimation of the depth of the capitalist crisis, as an absolute necessity for educating and strengthening the discipline and

fighting capacity of the Party. It must conduct fight against the still strong sectarian tendencies of the Party, expressed in the still considerable passivity with respect to revolutionary mass work, and the resistance to the application of the united front, particularly in winning the workers in reformist organizations, etc. A relentless struggle must be carried on against all manifestations of the counter-revolutionary conceptions of the Trotskyite and Lovestonite renegades and against any liberal attitude towards them.

8.—The Communist Party must raise before the toilers in the United States the revolutionary way out of the crisis. All members of the Party must in the day-to-day work, in the fight for the demands of the workers, point out convincingly and insistently that only the destruction of the capitalist system, the establishment of a revolutionary workers' government, of the Soviet Power, can free the millions of toilers from the bondage and misery of the capitalist system.

9.—The United States is most favorable for the establishment of Socialism. Its large scale concentrated industry and huge proletariat, its accumulated wealth and productive forces with the enormous supplies of raw material, provide the material basis for a quick change in the life and conditions of the country. If the workers will take power, they will in a very short time radically improve the life of all toilers—industrial workers, farmers, white collared workers, professionals, intellectuals, etc., providing a high degree of comfort and well-being for the toiling masses. But this tremendous wealth, these gigantic productive forces, are locked away from the masses. They are the private property of a small parasitic capitalist class which has closed the factories and locked the warehouses to

the masses. The Russian working class through the Soviet power has completely wiped out unemployment, established the full employment of the population of the countryside, and raised materially the well-being and standards of the toiling masses. It has overcome the age-long backwardness of its country, brought the industrial production to the first place in Europe, and more than three times the pre-war figure, re-organized agriculture on a Socialist basis, and liberated the formerly oppressed nationalities. Upon the basis of this Socialist system the Soviet Union has become the most powerful force for peace in the otherwise war-mad world. Its victories are a source of inspiration and encouragement to the oppressed throughout the world.

10.—The Revolutionary Workers' Government, an alliance of the working class with other toiling sections of the population—will establish a real democracy for the overwhelming majority of the toilers and a stern dictatorship against the capitalists and their agents. It will confiscate the banks, the factories, the railroads, the mines, and the farms of the big corporations—capitalist farmers.

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"You know," said one, "he only has to be fed a half dozen times a year."

"Yeh," replied the other, "but don't tell Roosevelt that, or you will be putting more ideas in his head regarding us."

"Roosevelt's already got them," said the first one. "They feed this snake pigs, and the stuff lays in his stomach for days. Now, did you ever eat any of Roosevelt's salt pork?"

"The crushing of Austria's Socialist movement under the iron heel of Fascism has revealed the strides our Viennese comrades made in construction a socialist society in the city they controlled," says the "Socialist" Party S. P. bulletin. The greatest strides they made was in running away and leaving the rank and file to fight.

And in their list of achievements they are proud of includes the fact that the city officiated at 24,600 funerals. But Bauer, Deutsch & Co. saw to it that though the rank and file fought heroically for their homes and families, they personally did nothing to swell that figure of which the S. P. tea drinkers of Frisco are proud.

"What do you mean, Sam Cohen, the anarchist, ran home from that free speech fight in Oakland last Sunday?" demanded a worker of his friend.

"I know as a fact that he ran and hid himself in the park lavatory."

"Well, that's what I said," replied the other.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"The voice of Heaven is guiding me."—Pu-Yi.

"Mr. Hoover's recent trip through the middle west was utterly without political significance," says Paul Sexton, Hoover's secretary. "Mr. Hoover intends to stay right on at Palo Alto." Which makes it unanimous.

An oldtimer is one who can remember when Schactman belonged to a revolutionary party.

C. P. Convention

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croppers from Alabama. On their trip to Cleveland they were repeatedly stopped and searched and insulted, causing a delay of one day in reaching the convention. When they arrived they were escorted to the platform while the hall rang for many minutes with the cheers of the other comrades welcoming them. Many of these Negro comrades had been threatened with death by the Ku Klux Klan and all had faced great sacrifice to make the trip. But they made it.

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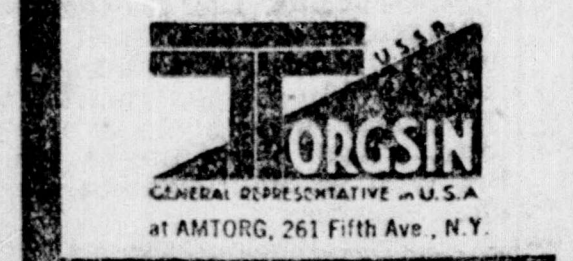
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Custom Tailors in L. A. on Strike for Better Wage Scale

INDUSTRY IS TIED UP AS WORKERS COME OUT

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—Los Angeles custom tailors responded ninety per cent to a general strike call issued on Wednesday morning by the Custom Tailors Union, affiliated with the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, against conditions in the shops and the attempts of the bosses to force a company union on the workers.

The tailors, who had been working unlimited hours at piece work, had been making as little as \$20 and \$25 for a week of 59 to 60 hours. Their demands are:

1. 35 hour week.
2. A minimum wage scale.
3. Week work system.
4. Equal division of work.
5. Full union recognition.

CWA Jobs End

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provided for the complete termination of CWA projects by the first of April, the few projects remaining in work representing the failure to carry out the full program.

Mobilize To Stop Eviction

Jim Garretson, fired C.W.A. worker, and organizer of the Construction Workers Industrial Union, is preparing to defend his home at 1912 Lyon street against threatened eviction as we go to press. The Garretsons have a one month old baby.

Members of the C.W.I.U. have massed 50 strong at the house to prevent the eviction and petitions have been circulated thru the entire neighborhood calling upon neighbors to rally to defend this workers right to live in his home.

gram of reduction because of the militant mass pressure of the workers.

New projects will be started as slowly as possible and re-hiring will be limited "on the basis of need and of fitness for the work to be performed," according to the announcement of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. "There seems to be some misapprehension that the new work program will absorb the greater portion of those who are employed under civil works," announced R. C. Branson, California's Federal-State Administrator. "There is no basis for all CWA workers discharged last Thursday to expect re-employment under the new program." Even the reduced new work program will be limited to four industrial counties, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Alameda and San Diego.

Return to Hoover Hunger Plan

Relief for the millions already out is thrown back upon the counties, which must borrow money before any federal aid is added. Since most of the counties and cities are already bankrupt, or claim that they are in order to reduce the taxes of the rich, the whole scheme is a return to the Hoover days of buck passing to avoid relief.

The official statement says: "The necessity for each community to take care of its own unemployed in GREATER MEASURE THAN EVER BEFORE is being brought on us more forcibly every day." Every day there are columns and columns of hungry workers at every local relief station waiting for relief, but getting only a chance to register, one by one, for INVESTIGATION. In line with the new "program" the Wollenberg relief administration in San Francisco, has already made plans for the return of the made-work forced labor system of relief.

Agricultural Union Dist. Convention

Sacto, April 29-30

SACRAMENTO, April 7.—Preparations for the District Convention of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union at Sacramento are to take place this weekend during the section conventions to be held in Arizona, Imperial Valley, San Diego, Monterey, and San Jose.

The following week, section conventions will be held in Oakland, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Orange City, and Los Angeles.

The CAWIU district convention April 29 and 30, will include delegates from California, Arizona, Washington and Oregon.



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Tulare	19	33
Petaluma	9	66
Contra Costa	25	90
Sacramento	123	50
Sonoma	3	22
Bakersfield	9	43
Eureka	76	75
San Diego	38	57
Arizona	6	46
Nevada	12	10
District 12	44	156
Miscellaneous	27	...
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Thaelmann Fight

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long-exposed forged papers allegedly found in the "search of the Karl Liebknecht house."

May 19, Leo Gallagher, famous I. L. D. attorney, who aided Dimitroff's defense in Germany, and Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro boys, will speak at a huge mass meeting against world-wide Fascism here, linking up the fight for Thaelmann and the victims of Austrian Fascism with the Scottsboro case and the fight against Fascism in America. They will speak in other coast cities in May.

The International Labor Defense is making a drive to sell 1-cent and 5-cent stamps, all funds to go to aid the victims of Austrian Fascism. The quota for California has been set at \$130. Stamps can be obtained by writing to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

The National Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism, is planning a symposium against Fascism, together with the famous movie "Kuhle Wampe," a picture of the struggles of the young workers in pre-Hitler Germany. This film, burned by Hitler along with other great works of art and science, is to be shown Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p. m. All funds will go to carry on the fight against German Fascism and for the freedom of Torgler and Thaelmann.

Imperial Valley Struggle

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ed Vigilantes.

Stanley Hancock was officially "deported" from Mexico when he was thrown into all without any charges being placed against him in Mexicali last week.

S. C. Alexander, speaking at the hearings for the C&AWIU showed that miserable conditions, starvation wages and boss-terror were only being fought by the C&A union alone and for that reason the workers supported it, and declared that the union would meet with the growers at any time, but that if the growers failed to meet the workers' demand there would be a melon strike.

Chester Williams and Jack Hardy, speaking respectively for the ACLU and the ILD demanded that workers, organizers, and workers' attorneys should be given full protection, that the vigilantes should be disbanded and that the workers be permitted to meet freely and to vote on which union they wished to lead them in their struggles.

Organizing Canneries

In San Diego, the Van Camp and West Gate Packing Co. canneries are being organized into locals of the C&AWIU. The West Gate Packing Co. threatened eviction from company houses and firing for any worker who joined the union, but union committee forced this intimidation to stop and secured a promise that no worker would be fired for joining the union.

As a result of this struggle against Fascism in Imperial Valley, additional impetus is given

Anti-War Meets

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by the Young Communist League last night. Speakers from the A. F. of L. rank and file, the American League Against War and Fascism, the Relief Workers Protective Union, the Young Communist League, the I.L.D., the United Front Conference Against Hunger, and the Communist Party all took part in the meeting.

Seattle Parade

SEATTLE, April 7.—American Legion thugs today took part in the betrayal of their World War buddies when they attacked a protest demonstration of veterans and workers who were carrying on a counter-demonstration against war preparations during the Jingo Army Week parade held here.

The first object of these Fascists' wrath was a truck in their own parade bearing the banner, "Billions for War—\$1.20 a week for the unemployed."

Showing the close link-up between these Fascist elements and the police force, the American Legionnaires turned over to the police thugs the workers whom they had attacked and slugged. The workers, not the attackers, were taken to jail, on "open charges."

to the anti-fascist united front committee every Sunday night. A symposium of young workers and students is being held here Sunday evening, April 15, at 852 8th Avenue.

I.L.A. Officials Railroad Terms Through

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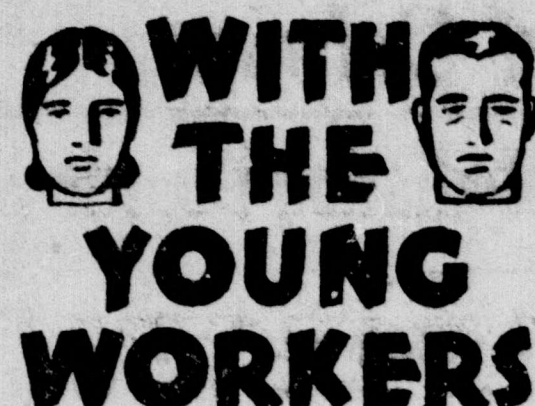
the right to exclude smaller groups who oppose them.

Under the joint hiring hall plan all grievances are to be submitted to a board of five company officials, and five longshoremen. Any grievances they can't settle will be submitted to another board of two company officials, two longshoremen appointed by Grady of the mediation board, and a fifth man, if necessary, chosen by them. Their decisions are final and binding.

A Regional Labor Board will be set up in each port to discuss settlement of these conditions which vary in the different ports but the 95c an hour wage and 44-hour week are to apply to the whole coast.

Charges are being preferred against Lee Holman, president of the S. F. local of the I.L.A. by the executive board for insubordination, and not carrying out the decisions of the recent coast convention. The other officials hope by this step to make Holman, against whom the resentment of the men is highest, the goat and cover up the fact that they have been guilty of the same sabotage. The decision for setting up of dock committees, and the calling of a marine conference of all workers in the marine industry has not been carried out. In these cases where the rank and file themselves have set up dock committees they have thereby won better conditions.

The misleaders are trying to discourage spread of these committees, claiming they are taking too much authority.



WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

Anti-War Slogans Appear in North Beach, Army Day

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 7.—Calling all cars . . . watch out for three young communists painting slogans in North Beach . . . last seen near Stockton St. tunnel . . . they must be stopped . . .

This call came over the police radio last night as San Francisco police instigated a frantic search for whoever is responsible for painting anti-war slogans in the Stockton St. tunnel, Simmons Bed factory (a potential war munitions plant), playgrounds, schools, sidewalks, etc., all over North Beach section on the eve of the Army Day sham battle at the Presidio today.

The Stockton St. tunnel, scene of the arrest of three YCLers last January, was recently freshly painted to cover up former slogans, forming a smooth, fresh surface for last night's slogans. But whoever was responsible was not stopped, despite the radio calls and search.

S. F. Youth Defenders Protest Ban on Negroes

The Youth Defenders, an organization fighting in the interests of national minorities, together with the Communist Party and the Young Communist League held a street meeting Monday, April 2nd before a barber shop at 1626 Ellis St. in protest against discrimination of Negroes, Filipinos, Mexicans, etc.

The barber shop had issued cards announcing that it "catered only to whites." While the street meeting was in progress the owner of the barber shop went across the street to the pool room and tried to get some of the fellows there to break up the meeting. When this proved unsuccessful, he called up the police, who got there shortly after the meeting was finished.

Strawberry Strike

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been jailed. The capitalist press has been attempting to blow this up into a general threat of violence to all workers by the union, but it is notable that all the terrorizing being done is by the armed carloads of police patrolling the highways to prevent picket lines before the strawberry ranches.

In an effort to break the strike by forcing relief workers to scab, the Sacramento relief agencies are attempting to take away from the unemployed Councils the relief which has formerly been distributed through them to their 2000 members. A determined fight is being made to retain the right of the unemployed Councils to distribute relief directly, and for their right to use this relief for the aid of striking strawberry pickers.

May Day

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Front Conference Against Hunger and the United Front Conference Against Fascism and War to trade unions, unemployed, fraternal, peace, and youth organizations for a conference for joint action on May 1.

The conference will meet Sunday, April 15 at 2 p. m. at Music Arts Hall, 233 South Broadway, to consider proposals for a May Day demonstration at some central point in Los Angeles and for a one day solidarity strike for the enactment of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, H.R. 7598, against developing fascism in the United States and against imperialist war.

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COME! to the BIG S. O. H. AFFAIR—Saturday night, April 14, 8 p. m. Movies, skits, entertainment, dancing. Admission 25c, 121 Haight St.

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SAVE THE DATE—Leo Gallagher, famous California International Labor Defense attorney and Ada Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro boys will speak in San Francisco May 18th!!

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San Mateo

NOTICE! — Yugoslav Workers Clubs of San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Mt. View and Watsonville hold their 11th ANNUAL PICNIC AND BAR-BECUE Sunday, May 6, at Napredak Park, Cupertino, Cal. Benefit Workers Press. Adm. 25 cents.

WELCOME AND HEAR LOUIS HYMAN, President of Needle Trade Workers Industrial Union. MASS MEETING, Friday evening, April 13, Music Arts Hall, 233 S. Broadway.

MAY 5th, S. P. M. ELECTION PROLOGUE AT CULTURAL CENTER, 230 So. Spring St. New Theatre, Dancing, Buffet Lunch. Admission 25 cents.

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Editorial Column

How to Fight Mediation Boards

The mediation board is the latest Roosevelt tactic to fasten the chains of slave codes on the workingclass.

It was used to sell out the auto strike which threatened to involve 400,000 workers in a fight for better wages and conditions. It was used to sell out the longshoremen on the Pacific Coast and stop their strike. It has been used in countless strikes since the Weirton coal miners struggle. And in each instance it was put over through the aid of A. F. of L. misleaders.

STRIKING ANYWAY

But over this wall of the NRA and its mediation boards a wave of strikes is washing. In Cleveland 8,000 auto mechanics are going to strike anyway unless granted their demands. In Detroit 5600 are striking against the "final word" of a mediation board, and in the same city 1100 stove makers went out Monday morning. Hudson Motors locked out 18,000 and in Milwaukee 4600 Nash Motors and Seaman Body workers struck, refusing the sellout offered. 1000 upholsterers in Illinois, and 6000 shoe workers striking in Haverhill, Mass., are others of a long list. Decisions of mediation boards are binding only if the workers think so. And everywhere in increasing numbers they are refusing to do so. Where the rank and file in the A. F. of L. is strong enough they had forced their officials to reject the settlement. In other strikes the Trade Union Unity League unions are leading.

But the organized workers are putting into action what they already know—that "mediations" are sellouts and that by their own fight alone can they win.

Uhl—The "Workingman's Friend"

Witness the capitalist Adolph Uhl of San Francisco, who fooled enough unemployed and employed workers into thinking he would help the jobless, to get elected supervisor last election.

Since his election Uhl appeared once during an organized protest at the local soupline and flophouses to clap some ragged coated worker on the back and say, "Boys, I'm with you."

That gesture was more than a month ago, and in that time not a finger has he lifted for them, despite delegations coming to the City Hall with demands several times.

Now that the CWA has thrown its workers back onto local relief, Uhl proves once more whose friend he is. He opposes even the unemployment bonds proposed, rotten and inadequate as they are. The proposal to partially restore the cut in salaries of city employees finds him so upset that he is calling a mass meeting to fight it and save the pockets of those industrialists who backed him in the election race and who now demand that he keep his promise to them. Employees were compelled to "give voluntarily" his pay cut which he proposes to make permanent and so put the burden of relief on the workers, insofar as he can. But realizing this is nowhere near sufficient he comes forth again with his plan to stop the present meager cash relief, and to substitute a worse system—scrip, with all its loopholes of corruption, graft and rotten food at high prices.

FORGETS PROMISES

Last Saturday a delegation was elected by more than five thousand workers in the Civic Center demonstration for Unemployment Insurance, continuation of CWA or similar jobs and for adequate cash relief. When they came to the supervisors' chambers Monday to present their demands, he forgot his grievances against the Rossi machine and helped them waste the entire afternoon and evening session on trifles without letting the delegation speak their demands.

Yet even the capitalist press admits this is the most important matter before the board. And the CWA figures show that its workers are now compelled to go back on the rolls and that their number now is greater than it was when the CWA started. In addition are the many thousands made unemployed since February.

This is the record of all "workingmen's friends." They vary only in details and minor circumstances in different cities. The only way the workers can be sure that those they elect will fight for them is by electing members of their own class, pledged to a platform of real workingclass demands, backed up with a mass fight of the workers themselves.

Such candidates the Communist Party will nominate for the coming elections. So get busy in these final weeks of the drive and get enough signatures on the petition lists to put the Communist Party on the ballot in California.

WHY WE PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS . . .

There are two main and vital purposes in entering Communist candidates into election campaigns.

1.—To use the election campaign as an opportunity to have our demands and program reach far wider masses of workers, and to organize the masses.

2.—By working within the bourgeois legislature, and using it as a rostrum, expose to the workers the fact that these legislatures cannot secure any real gains for the workers and that they are the tools of the capitalist class.

SPEAK WITH GREATER VOICE

Point 1 is explained by A. Badyev, leader of the Bolshevik group in the Duma in 1912-13, in his work "The Bolsheviks in the Tsarist Duma." He says "The experience of preceding years had shown the great importance of an election campaign from the standpoint of agitation, and the important roles played by fractions in the Duma. Our fractions, while refusing to take part in the so-called 'positive' work of the Duma, used the Duma rostrum for revolutionary agitation . . . The Bolsheviks regarded the election campaign to the State Duma as an opportunity for far-reaching agitation and propaganda as one of the means of organizing the masses. By attempting to secure the election of their own candidates, the Bolsheviks did not transform the campaign into a mere struggle for a few seats in the Duma. The activity of the Duma fraction both within and outside the Duma had great revolutionary importance. But the election campaign itself was of no less importance and throughout its course the revolutionary position had to be preserved in all its purity, without being toned down or ratcheted for any consideration."

Lenin, in his pamphlet "Left-Wing Communism—An Infantile Disorder," expands Point 2, and says:

"Historically, 'Parliament has become worn out,' this is correct. But capitalism could have been described as 'historically worn out' many decades ago, and this in no way removes the necessity of a long and very hard struggle against capitalism in the present day . . .

"Parliament is POLITICALLY worn out." That is quite another question. How is it possible to say that parliamentarism is politically worn out when millions and millions of proletarians not only stand up for parliamentarism generally, but are directly counter-revolutionary? . . . We must not deem that that which is worn out for us is necessarily worn out for the masses. True, it is not our duty to sink to the level of the backward strata of the masses. It is our duty to tell them the bitter truth. It is our duty to call their bourgeois democratic and parliamentary prejudices by their right names. But, at the same time, it is our duty to watch soberly the actual state of consciousness and preparedness of the whole class and not of the Communist vanguard alone.

"Just so long as you are unable to displace the bourgeois parliament and other reactionary institutions, you are BOUND to work inside them, and for the very reason that there are still workers within them being made fools of."

Our election programs and demands must always be such as to weaken the bourgeoisie and to organize the proletariat as well as demanding improvement of conditions of the workingclass. Because of the urgent necessity of reaching wider masses of workers with our program and exposing the reactionary nature of the so-called "democratic" institutions of California and the United States, it is imperative that the Communist Party should get on the ballot for the ensuing elections. All comrades, all class conscious workers, must make an insistent drive to secure the required number of signatures in the very short time which remains.

"We Want No More Fakers!"



THE CLASS STRUGGLE WAY

By Carlitos

It was after midnight in the camp of the strikers.

There were a dozen tents, a few hastily-constructed huts and about thirty battered automobiles. Four small fires crackled, around which blanketed figures huddled.

The camp lay at the edge of the river-bed, close to the dark, frowning hills. On the other side of the camp, the surface of the shallow stream shone like silver in the moonlight. At the edge of the river-bed, rose a wooded bank, upon which was the highway. Every few minutes or so headlights of an automobile would sweep through the darkness. Beyond the darkness stretched a part of the Bullard Ranch. Around one of the fires the men were not asleep. Every half hour one of the would get up. His blanket wrapped around his shoulders, he would go on a tour of inspection. Presently he would return and lie down again. There was talk in low tones. . . .

For the tenth time, the Texan remarked: "Two or three days more and I think the Bullards'll give in. 'I'll stand on my head when they do,' one of the Mexicans said."

"That might be good for you," spoke up the Arkansawyer. "You sure been standin' on your hind legs all through the strike."

"Bullard no good," another Mexican muttered. "Need lickin'."

"They need to be cleaned out altogether," came from the first Mexican. "Along with the rest of the parasites who suck the blood of the workers. I hope to see the day when the Bullards are pulled out of the saddle. And I've got personal reasons. Or, better, I should say, family reasons."

"Yeah? How's that?"

There was a silence, as though the Mexican worker was debating in his mind whether or not to unburden himself. At last he spoke.

"I'll tell you, I suppose you've all heard about Joaquin Murieta, the famous California bandit of many years ago. Well, his gang used to travel through this territory often. Perhaps right here where we're lying, the hoofs of his horse have pounded. On the other side of the highway, there was once a small ranch which he sometimes visited. Sometimes for provisions, sometimes for information. This ranch belonged to the Chavez family. In Murieta's

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at's time, there was only two of the family alive, Pedro Chavez and his sister, Josefina.

"The sister married Felipe Lagunas, who came to live with them. Josefina Chavez and Felipe Lagunas were my ancestors. 'The Bullards came into this country about 1850 and started grabbing land. They were land-crazy and didn't care how they got it. One of them became the sheriff of the county and they began to run the whole district. They haven't stopped running it yet, but they will soon. I hope they'll try to buy the Chavez property for about nothing, but it wasn't for sale, even for a good price. They threatened to drive the Mexicans out of the country."

"One afternoon in 1852, Oliver Bullard and some of his men rode up to the house. Lagunas wasn't around and Chavez asked what they wanted. Bullard told Chavez and his sister that they could have three days in which to leave the ranch. If they weren't gone by that time, he left the rest to the imagination."

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their faith in democracy as the way out, says Crosswainth. His attitude is merely the attitude of his party, which seeks to prevent the workers from struggling for the overthrow of capitalism by building up their faith in "democracy" while the capitalists are "erasing" democracy from their banner. His is the party which, in Austria, in order to "save democracy," thru Otto Bauer agreed to permit the Fascist Dollfuss to rule with dictatorial powers.

"Fascism is coming," says Mr. Crosswainth. "I doubt that we will be able to stop it. But even Fascism cannot maintain capitalism."

In other words, "Workers, bend your necks for the Fascist ax-men. Don't struggle against Fascism—and after Fascism has come and abolished all democratic pretenses, then we will go to the pell and vote for socialism." Crosswainth spoke about the menace of imperialist war. He didn't mention the militarization of the CCC camps, he didn't mention the arming of the Aeolian Islands, he didn't talk about the pell and vote for socialism. He said that the way to stop war was to make the capitalist fight, and then they wouldn't start any wars.

This rather confused a worker in the audience. "Suppose the war starts before we pass this law that the capitalists have to fight it; what are we going to do then?"

them wounded, as a group of men ran out from the trees. Three of them jumped on the dead men's horses and gave chase. Not being able to do more damage, they returned. These men were part of Murieta's band and Joaquin was with them.

"Lagunas, having heard the shots, came up on his horse. He got hot when he saw the dead body of his brother-in-law, but he was well satisfied with the other three corpses. While he consoled his wife for the loss of her brother, Murieta's men buried Chavez's body. Then Murieta told them they would have to run away. Otherwise they would be blamed for the shooting, and that meant hanging. Whatever happened they would lose the ranch. Murieta invited Lagunas to join his outfit and my ancestor did."

"And so Felipe Lagunas became an outlaw and his wife lived in the band's retreat with a few other women, who were the sweethearts of some of the band. Lagunas made a few trips to Sonora with stolen horses, which they sold down there. He also took part in other escapades of the band. In one of these he was killed. His wife, who was with child at the time, was sent to Stockton. She lived there many years and Murieta visited her a number of times when he passed through that city."

"So, you see what I have against the Bullards. In 1852 Felipe Lagunas turned bandit in order to give battle to the Bullards and their kind, who had wronged him and his kind. And in 1933, Ricardo Lagunas goes on strike in order to give battle to the Bullards and their kind, who are attacking the very lives of Ricardo Lagunas and his kind."

"My ancestor took the bandit's way of fighting. The bandit did a little damage to the despoilers. But not very much. They were hunted down and killed, while the parasites lived on merrily. But I, taking the class struggle way, become part of an international army, which, when it becomes large and strong enough, will sweep the Bullards and the rest of the parasites off the face of the earth forever. Some day, the Bullard Ranch will be a collective farm. I would like to work on it, then."

The young Mexican stopped speaking and rolled a cigarette. Reaching over, he lit it with a stick from the fire. Then he got up, tucked his blanket around his throat, and left to see if everything was well throughout the camp.

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REAL and FAKE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

By D. Lee

Ever since the first militant hunger marchers led by the Unemployed Councils raised the cry for unemployment insurance, the capitalist experts have been engaged in cooking up all manner of fake schemes to substitute for a real unemployment bill. No two of the boss plans are alike, but they all have common purposes, directed against the demand for bread, and aimed at protecting the profits of the capitalists.

Early as 1930 and 1931, the National Manufacturers Association sent a gang of highly paid expert publicity men around the country to pretend to put over unemployment insurance for the workers. Unemployment insurance free, for nothing, for the workers, by the capitalists! The show was put on in favor of "voluntary" unemployment insurance by the bosses and against compulsory unemployment insurance voted by the legislatures.

The National Industrial Conference Board, an organization formed by the biggest capitalists and parading as an "impartial fact-finding" board of experts was mustered into service to publish "studies" to show how good that was. The U. S. Dept. of Labor made "survey" of voluntary plans. William Green and his bureaucratic AF of L. henchmen opposed "government interference" with the natural right of workers to starve under capitalism as "Un-American" and interference with "individual liberty." He jammed his resolution through at the Vancouver convention.

What happened to these "voluntary" plans, a handful of which had been in existence for many years—wring by the mass pressure of the workers in the period immediately after the war? All these voluntary plans were collapsing and being discontinued while the boss agitation in their favor was going on.

GROWING RANK AND FILE DEMAND.

The growing militancy of the workers and mass pressure mobilized by the Red Cross, the Committee for Unemployment Insurance within the AF of L, forced Mr. Bill Green to change his tune and try to behave the movement by taking the lead in it. The bosses with whom Bill Green is allied also changed their tune. "Industry must recognize" they announce through the National Conference Board, "the inevitableness of legislation in some form in the near future. The question therefore arises: What form of legislation would be most acceptable to industry?"

The "most acceptable form" is one which would cut benefits below the present low standards of relief, require payments by the workers, be limited to those now employed and rule out the 16,000,000 now unemployed, and be put in the hands of the bosses to use by discrimination against militant workers, against independent organization of the workers and against strikes.

Unemployment, say the bosses, is an "uninsurable risk" because

"there is no way of educating workers to avoid unemployment and keep them from getting out of work." (N. I. C. B. Unemployment Benefits and Insurance, pp. 8). Capitalism, say the bosses, cannot provide the workers with the security of even bread, so we must set up a limited reserve and when the reserve shrinks the benefits must be cut. Exactly what has already happened in the case of the "voluntary" plans until they disappeared.

But now, instead of limiting the reserve, they will limit contribution, benefits and the time for which payments are made, and increase the waiting period before payment. It's the same thing—just a little black magic.

NOT AN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILL.

The capitalists have chosen the reserve principle. Their Lady Perkins, testifying for the Wagner Bill, said: "The States, under the bill that Senator Wagner, Congressman Lewis and I have been working out, can decide for themselves whether to have state wide funds, industrial pooled funds or individual reserves. They can also decide whether to have joint contributions or contributions only by employers, what employers shall contribute, what employment shall be covered, who is eligible for benefits, what the waiting period shall be, and what above an absolute minimum the benefit rates shall be, and to whom and how long they shall be paid."

Madame Perkins and Senator Wagner admit that the Wagner-Bills now before Congress is not an unemployment insurance bill at all. It merely provides a payroll tax from which the employers can deduct their contributions to state insurance or reserve funds. It is admittedly designed merely to "encourage" the states to pass unemployment insurance or reserve bills. The requirements set up by the manufacturers are definitely recognized as satisfactory. These are:

1.—The plan to be based on the "reserve principle", no pooling of employers' contributions, and employee as well as employer contributions required.

2.—The plan limited "to the more stable and permanent working force", (ruling out the 16,000,000 now unemployed, and (temporary) employees) and requiring "a reasonably long waiting period following loss of employment during which no benefits are payable."

3.—Benefits limited to maximum of 50% of average wages, with fixed maximum and no minimum per week and limitation of period of benefit payments on the basis of the size of the reserves.

CUTS OUT PRESENT 16,000,000 JOBLESS

The only bill which would come under the provisions of the Wagner Bill now pending in the New York State for which the manufacturers sing their praises in their confidential bulletins. It provides all the limitations

which the bosses ask for: the reserve principle, maximum of \$15 per week, maximum of 16 weeks, applying only to those NOW EMPLOYED who become "involuntarily unemployed."

The Wisconsin Law, passed in 1932, would also come under the provisions of the Wagner Bill. It provides a maximum of \$10 per week for a maximum of 10 weeks and originally was to have gone into effect in July 1933 unless 175,000 employees were covered by voluntary insurance by that date. But in 1933 there were still no voluntary schemes so the legislature postponed the date to July 1934. Now the Wisconsin Manufacturers expect another postponement.

POSTPONEMENTS.

The Wagner Bill would not go into effect until July 1936. The Green-Perkins-Wagner-Lewis combine thus hold up hope to the bosses in the face of the growing mass pressure for the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Act, H. R. 7598. To divert the masses they propose, no Federal unemployment insurance, de-finite postponement of any state insurance until July 1936, after which it can be postponed again, and a chance to fight the workers separately in each of the 48 states.

WHAT TO FIGHT FOR.

The Workers' Bill is the only unemployment insurance bill introduced in Congress. It can be put through by resisting the Wagner deceit and by the pressure of the workers. Even before it was introduced in Congress 1400 AF of L locals had already endorsed it. Many other workers and farmers organizations, including the Unemployed Councils and all TULU unions had endorsed it. Since then endorsements have been rolling in daily, as many as 70 AF of L locals having endorsed it in one day. Three state Federations, the National Unemployment Convention with 1,000 delegates representing over 3,000,000 workers and farmers, and dozens of city councils, including such cities as Minneapolis and Toledo have endorsed the Workers' Bill. The Workers' Bill challenges the manufacturers on each of the three issues mentioned above. It provides:

1.—Funds raised by inheritance, gift and income taxes. "No tax or contribution in any form shall be levied on the workers."

2.—It covers all unemployed workers and farmers, "without discrimination because of age, sex, race or color, religious or political belief or affiliation."

3.—Benefits equal to average local wages. Minimum of \$10 per week plus \$2 for each dependent. Benefits for all time lost including "loss of wages because of part-time work, sickness, accident, old age or maternity."

It also specifically provides for administration by representatives elected by the rank and file of workers and farmers organizations, and that no one may be disqualified from benefits for refusing to act as a strike-breaker.

Violet Orr, Worker Candidate May 5 in Richmond Election

RICHMOND, Cal., Apr. 7.—The workers of Richmond and El Cerrito have nominated Violet Orr as their candidate for the Richmond Grammar School Board, for which the election is Saturday, May 5th. The necessary petitions have already been filed.

In the recent elections following a short week-and-a-half campaign, the workers' candidate for the Richmond High School Trustees, Iva Moore and Wm. Selles received 188 and 124 votes. Due to the short campaign, many sympathizers have since reported that they did not even know there were workers' candidates running.

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By Stephen Peacock

While professors in general are often satirized as having minds that take periodic vacations, it took Professor Albert Guerdard, English Department, of Stanford University, to demonstrate beyond all shadow of a reasonable doubt that it is possible for a professor to vegetate without the vaguest hint of a cortex, cerebrum or cerebellum.

He wrote an article for the San Francisco Chronicle of Sunday, March 25, entitled: "Confusion of Tongues Makes World Trouble." It should have been called "Confusion of Professors Makes World Unintelligible."

PLAGIARIZES OLD TESTAMENT.

The professor tried to blame the world's troubles on the fact that we don't all speak the same language. But the theme was developed in that handbook of science known as Genesis.

It seems, according to Genesis, Chapter Two, that some of Noah's off-spring got tired of contacting heaven by remote control, and decided to build a tower so high it would lean right against the Pearly Gates. Just about the time the tower brought them in sight of Gabriel's pyjamas, the Lord got mad about their organizing.

As Genesis put it: "And the Lord said, Behold, the people are one, and they have one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them . . .

"Go to, let us confuse their language, and they may not understand one another's speech."

You can imagine what followed, when people speaking one tongue suddenly began to talk in a hundred languages. Brick layers talking Hebrew started throwing mortar at hodcarriers who spoke Greek. And carpenters who talked Egyptian bombarded Persian speaking plasterers with thumb tacks. The servants of the Lord are still trying the same stunt in agricultural strikes. But either they haven't the Divine Technique, or the Divine Historians lied about Babel.

This "confusion of tongues," "Professor" Guerdard, is responsible for a great many of the world's ills today. One language

guage would help solve the problems—especially English. And then the professor states his real reason is: "I dearly love English," he slobbers, "it provides me with a living."

"If it be true that money talks, it will have to talk English. It will have to talk English with New York accents. Language is a currency that, like all currencies, is based on credit and reserves. Numbers, resources, organization are facts that give English unequalled value in the marts of the world." But we wonder if the professor ever tried to pass off words as currency at the corner grocery mart.

FIGHT LANGUAGE WAR.

Maybe the Professor can convince the steel, munitions, chemical and other trusts that the next war be fought with words instead of weapons. What a glorious sight it would be to see bourgeois English professors and editors, under General Guerdard, advancing on the enemy armed to the teeth with nouns, pronouns, adjectives and adverbs.

Behind a protective barrage of dictionaries and encyclopedias the professors would march irresistibly forward, pouring out the enemy a rain of dots, dashes and parentheses.

What enemy could resist hand grenades loaded with conjunctions, declensions, hyperboles and litotes.

If the worst came to the worst, the professors could always bring up such heavy artillery as "totoptotony of the blastomeres," "ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny." And for smokescreens they could completely smother the enemy with a cloud of rhetorical devices. Indeed, could the Wall St. politicians be generals.

PROFESSORIAL GEMS.

1.—"That huge aggregate, the English speaking bloc, has no principles in common but ideas of fair play, individual liberty and peaceful industry . . . Holy mackerel! Shades of Imperial and the San Joaquin Valleys!"

2.—"After all, I feel more at home with an Australian than with a Spanish speaking Puerto Rican."

After all, Professor, we won't feel at home with an honest Hot-Blooded Patriot with a ring in his nose than with a slobbering, cultured professor like Albert Guerdard.